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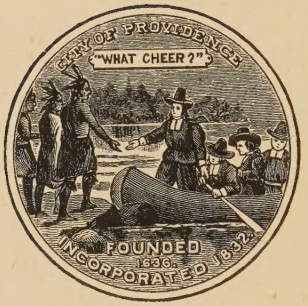
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"WHAT CHEER?"
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PREFACE

THIS volume continues the work assigned to the record commissioners by a series of joint resolutions of the City Council of the City of Providence, the first of which, approved March 6, 1891, is as follows:

"RESOLVED, That Horatio Rogers, George M. Carpenter, and Edward Field, are hereby appointed record commissioners, who shall serve without compensation, for the purpose of collecting and printing the early records of the town of Providence. And said commissioners are hereby authorized to expend the sum of one thousand dollars for collecting and printing said records, said sum to be charged to the appropriation for printing."

The material contained in the original book and here printed reports the proceedings of the Town Council for a period of twenty-two years, from 1692 to 1714, and occupies seventy-two closely written pages of the volume designated as "Town Council No. 1." The manuscript did not attain the dignity of being called a book until recent years, as it was a bunch of

sheets of paper of irregular size, stitched together and finally bound up in heavy covers.

The proceedings recorded in this volume refer almost entirely to the administration of probate affairs, for little else was brought to the Town Council for consideration except occasional requests for liquor licenses and for permission to keep public houses of entertainment.

At that period in Rhode Island the Town Council exercised probate jurisdiction, and this, in some towns, is the law to-day. The present volume, therefore, forms a valuable commentary on the first book of wills, already printed in the series of Early Records of the Town of Providence, (volumes vi and vii), as it is the record of the primary proceedings respecting the matters which are found recorded in those two printed volumes. The methods employed in reproducing this volume in type have been the same as those heretofore used, and for convenience they are repeated here.

The figures at the top of the pages, and enclosed in brackets, indicate the paging of this present volume.

The heavy figures enclosed in brackets represent the paging of the original book as it now stands.

This mark | shows the beginning and end of interlineations in the original.

Words or letters printed in parentheses are so found in the original.

Brackets enclosing blank space, thus, [ ] signify that something is missing, or illegible, in the original.

The sign ℘ is used to represent a contraction or double letter, which, in the original, stands for pr, and is used as the representative of syllables containing those letters with a vowel.

An index to names, a miscellaneous index and an index to subjects are added. There is no separate index to Indian names, since very few occur in the volume.

HORATIO ROGERS,
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Record Commissioners.

PROVIDENCE, June, 1896.

TOWN COUNCIL

RECORD

NUMBER ONE

[1] At a meeteing of y^e towne Councill
Agust y^e 31: 1692.

Whereas Lawrance wilkenson of this Towne of Providence departed this life the 9^th day of Agust 1692 and dieing intested, an Inventarey being taken of the said Lawrance wilkenson his Estate & hath been this day by y^e Councill Examined: And whereas Sam: willkenson & John wilkenson hath desired Administration upon their sd deceased ffather his Estate; the Councill have to them Granted Administration upon theire sd deceased ffather his Estate

Sam: wilkenson & John wilkenson have this day Given in Bond to y^e Councill to legally Administer upon their deceased ffather Lawrance wilkenson his Estate,

the towne Councill thereupon have given unto them a letter of Administration to administer upon y^e said Estate.

Whereas Josias wilkenson of this towne of Providence departed this life the 10^th of Agust 1692 & dieing intested his Estate thereby fell to the Care of the towne Councill for Administration the Councill doe therefore Comitt the Estate of the sd deceased Josiah wilkenson into y^e hands of Edward Smith & John wilkenson upon the same to admineste on the Councills behalfe, according | as | the law | Requires | the same to despose & to give an account to the Councill of theire proceedes therein from time to time./

[2] At a meeting of y^e^ Councill December y^e^ 3^d^: 1692
Whereas the Estate of the deceased Josiah wilkenson lieth in such order that there is a necessetye in letting out of the farme & stock; & whereas there is a motion made by one Henry Stacye to Rent y^e^ Same, the matter hath been proposed unto y^e^ widdow of y^e^ said Josiah; & shee hath unto the Councill this day declared herselfe very willing & free that the said Stacye should Rent y^e^ said farme | & stock | & house if the Councill & hee can agree on termes, only she herselfe to have her abode in y^e^ house. / & shee to have a cow Reserved to herselfe for her use.

Whereas there is a steere belonging to y^e^ Estate of y^e^ deceased Josiah wilkenson which was by John Cobb taken & sold unto M^r^ Cruffurd & placed to y^e^ sd Cobbs account, the Councill hath this day Called the matt in question, the sayd Cobb hath Engaged to y^e^ Councill that the said Steere shall be & now Returneth it againe into the Estate of y^e^ said Josiah wilkenson, & Gideon Cruffurd hath Engaged to Transmit the Creaditt there of upon his booke from the said Cobbs account & place it on y^e^ said Josiahs acco And y^e^ said Gidion Cruffurd accepteth of 2^s^ to be payd to him by y^e^ sd Cobb for pastureing y^e^ sd Steere one month

John Cobb Engaged to Remoove from the house of Josiah wilkenson both himselfe & family what Else he hath theire; by this day month

At a meeteing of the Councill Januarey y^e^ 16^th^: 169$\frac{2}{3}$
Mary Clarke a stranger | vagrant | being Examined Concerning her coming into y^e^ towne & who is the father of y^e^ child she now Goeth with her answer is that the father of y^e^

Child is one Abell Tudor & that the child was begotten at Newport on Rhode Island, and that he is Gone away to y^e^ west indias; An that y^e^ man that brought her to this towne was one John Moore a Hatter dwelling at Bristoll. John whipple signifies that it was that person [**3**] that brought her.

It being demanded of the sd Mary Clarke wheither shee had a husband or wheither ever shee was married her ans: is that shee hath no husband nor that shee never was married, but some persons signifieing to the Councill that she had told them that she had been married to one Smithson of 30 mile Island. Shee heareing them say so, shee then said that shee owned shee did so say.

The meeting is adjorned untill tomorrow 10 of y^e^ Clock.

The meeting is againe in being.

Daniell Browne & Benjamin Hearnton hath this day Given Bond joyntly & severally to the inhabetants | of this towne | one hundred pounds bond to keepe them indemnified from any charges that may arise by or through a woman lately Come into the towne Gr|e|ate with child named Mary Clarke. /

the meeteing is adjorned untill
| tuesday the last of this instant |

Tuesday y^e^ last | day | of Januarey 169$\frac{2}{3}$
the Councill is againe in being by adjornment from y^e^ 17^th^ instant

John malavery this day appeared before the Councill, & it was demanded of him where that child was borne | which | is at his house which he said he had taken to Nurse, he said it was borne at his house, & that it was borne some time in Agust last & that the child is a girle;

It being demanded of him who is the mother of that child his answer is one Sarah Midlecutt a woman that belongs to Boston & that shee never was married;

It being demanded of him where the mother of the said Child now is, his answer is that shee is at Boston; & that he carried her from his house thither;

It being demanded of him who the said Sarah Midlecutt layd the said child unto to be the father of it; his answer is shee layd it to one Charles Arnold an old England Gentleman;

It being demanded of him how he came by the knowledge of that woman | Sarah Midlecutt | he answers Joseph Cowells wife informed him Concerning her, shee sent for him to Boston, & there he made a bargaine concerning y^e^ said Sarah midlecut, & so hee then brought the woman from Boston to his house. /

It being demanded of John Malavery what women were with the aforesaid Sarah Midlecutt in he travill when y^e^ aforesd child was borne, his ans: is no woman but his wife & daughter Phillipps;

Whereas John malavery at presant canott find any person to be bound for the Towns Securitye against the charges which may arise by the aforesaid Child, but desires time for about one month to procure [**4**] bond, the Councill doe allow him so much time to procure bond as untill the first Tuesday march next

Whereas Elsebeth Collwell who hath for some yeares lived in service at Newport on Rhode Island & there was gotten with child & there y^e^ Child was borne, & the said Elsebeth Collwell is now Come into our towne with her said Child &

shee being by the Constables summoned to appeare this day before the Councill;

And shee the said Elsebeth Collwell haveing this day appeared before the Councill And hath desired of y^e^ Councill for som little | time longer | to provide Suretyes to secure the towne from Charges of her & her Child, or to prepare to Remoove herselfe & Child away out of y^e^ towne, the Councill hath Granted her liberty untill the first Tuesday | in | march next & then to appeare againe before y^e^ Councill

Whereas there is a woman which belongeth not to our towne as it is Reported which came with child some time since into our towne Rebekah Ballard by name, & is entertained at the house of Joseph Jenkes Sen^r^: | & there delivered of a child: |

And whereas upon the 17^th^ Instant at y^e^ Councill meeteing the sd Joseph Jenkes promised the Councill to appeare this day before the Counci[ ] on y^e^ sd womans behalfe & to give in bond for her but hath not according to his promise this day appeard the Councill doe therefore hereby declare that they have procceeded in the matter as farr as they Can for they have not power to Command the said woman before them & the sayd Joseph Jenkes being a Majestrate hath not done it, nor appeared himselfe for her according to promise; therefore the defect lieth only in him & must lye at his dore, & not in the Rest of y^e^ Councill.

the meeting is adjourned unto tuesday y^e^ 7^th^
of march next.

Tuesday march y^e^ 7^th^ 169$\frac{2}{3}$
the Councill meeteing is againe in being

Whereas John Malavery at the last sitting of y^e^ Councill desired liberty untill this day to find Bondsmen to secure y^e^ towne from Charge of a child which was borne at his house of one Sarah Midlecut of Boston (as he saith) he hath this day appeared, but with no bonds men; but desires a little longer time that he may goe to Boston & declare that he will bring up y^e^ mother of y^e^ Child that shee may owne the said child before one of y^e^ Majestrates in this towne that so a Record may be made thereof that it may appeare who is the mother of y^e^ Child & the towne & Councill may be able to give an account concerning y^e^ sd woman, & that y^e^ said child by its mother [**5**] shall be removed away out of y^e^ sd towne, or sufficient bond be given to y^e^ towne before y^e^ Councill to keepe y^e^ towne indemnified as Concerning y^e^ sd Child

| Voated | Whereas there is one Elizabeth Colwell who hath severall yeares dwelt in the towne of Newport on Rhode Island & there abode in service & there was begotten with child & there delivered of a child, & shee y^e^ said Elizabeth Collwell hath remooved herselfe & her said child unto this towne of Providence, the Councill haveing Examined the sd Elizabeth Colwell at there last meeteing, who desired time until this day to provide Bonds men to secure the towne from charge of her & her child;

But for as much as the said Elizabeth Colwell findeth no Bondsmen, And the law provideth that the towne, or Parish where such woman is begotten with child shall be at y^e^ charge of her maintenance & y^e^ childs.

the Councill doe therefore order that the said Elizabeth Colwell shall forth with Remoove her selfe & her sd child out of our | sd | towne unto sd Newport;

And in case shee Refuse or neglect so to doe; then for the persons who are in authore|ty| to Exercise their power & Cause her | Emediatly | to be Remooved out of our said Towne & transported unto sd newport. /

Whereas the care of Provideing for Edward London is by y^e^ towne Comitted to the town Councill, the Councill doe detirmin & order that a Rate of twelve pounds shall be | Emediatly | assessed & levied by y^e^ Councill upon the inhabetants of this towne of Providence, for y^e^ Reliefe of y^e^ sd Edward London : / & that Each mans part of y^e^ sd Rate when Assessed shall be payd in money or in other merchantable pay at mony price, & that the said Rate shall be payd into Pardon tillinghast, who the Councill hath appoynted treasurer for the Councill as to this matter of sd Edward london to them Comitted : & that as to what Rate or Rates are | or shall bee | are by y^e^ Councill assessed & Levied for y^e^ sd London; if he dye before it be all on him Expended, that the Remainder shall be Expended no otherwise but for y^e^ Relife of y^e^ poore of this towne.

the meeteing is adjorned untill Tuesday the 21 instant & then to | meete & | levey sd Rate. /

The Councill is againe in being March y^e^ 21 : 169$\frac{2}{3}$

The Councill have agreed with George Keetch to take Edward London into his Care & keepeing from this day untill y^e^ last day of September next Ensueing to find the said Ed : London sufficiently with meat, drinke washing & Lodgeing, & for the said George Keetch to be allowed for the same fifty shillings in Currant pay at money price, but in Case y^e^ said London doe fall into some more then ordinarey Condition as

with respect to sicknes then for y^e^ said Keetch to be further Considered, & that the said George to have what bennefitt he may receive by y^e^ said Londons Labour in what he may Comfortably doe, the said Keorg Keetch hath agreed with y^e^ Councill as to y^e^ premises.

Whereas there is a Rate agreed upon to be levied upon | the towne for the use of | Ed: London for his Reliefe, the Councill doe order that the majestrates grant forth warrant to cause | all | the inhabetants of this towne to have notice to bring in in writeing to some or other of the Councill an account of each their Rateable estates betweene this day & y^e^ 17^th^ day of Aprill next ensueing

[6] the meeteing is Adjorned untill y^e^ 17^th^ day of Aprill Next;

The meeteing is againe in being the 17^th^ day of Aprill 1693.

But whereas severall of y^e^ Councill is wanting & not appeareing & som buisseness of Concerne lieth before the Councill, the Councill at presant see cause not to proceede in y^e^ buissenes before them unless others of y^e^ Councill were presant who are now absent,

the Councill doe | therefore | adjorne to the 27^th^ of this instant & to meete about 10 of y^e^ Clock./

Aprill y^e^ 27^th^: 1693 the Councill is againe in being.

Ordred that Edward Smith, doe give Notice unto Henry Stacy to appeare before the Councill upon the 15^th^ of May next in order to y^e^ Estate of Josiah Wilkeson (deceased)

Ordred that Edward Smith doe as he is a Majestrate warne John Malavery to appeare before the Councill upon the 15^th^ of May Next to Ans: & secure y^e^ Towne from y^e^ Charge

w^ch may accrue concerning a child a stranger borne in his house./

the meeteing is adjorned untill Munday the 15^th: day of may next:

The Councill | meeteing | is againe in being may the 15^th: 1693, by adjornement from y^e 27^th: of Aprill last

Whereas at y^e sitting of y^e Councill upon y^e 27^th day of Aprill last the Councill did order Edward Smith as he was a Majestrat, warne John Malavery to appeare before y^e Councill upon this day, but the said malavery hath not appeared, neither hath the said Ed: Smith appeared to informe the Councill concerning the matter,

therefore the Councill are Constrained to suspend the matter untill the Councill doe meete next:

Whereas the Councill at their sitting the 27^th of Aprill last did order Edward Smith to warne Henry Stacey to meete with y^e Councill this day in order to y^e Estate of Josiah Wilkeson deceased but y^e sd Stacey not appeareing the matter is suspended untill the Councills next meeting.

At a meeteing of the Councill the 2^nd day of June 1693./

Whereas it playnely appeares unto y^e Councill that there was some time in Agust last a woman (being a stranger) delivered of a child at the house of John Malavery of this towne the child yet being at y^e house of y^e said John Malavery, & in his Custody so farr as the Councill doe understand; but as yet where the mother of y^e said child is the Councill Cannot yett Git information, Only as John Malavery in his

Examination before the Councill declared that the mother of y^e^ sd Child was one Sarah Midlecut of Boston a woman that never was married,

But the Councill yet ꝑsueing of [**7**] the matter Edeavouring to find the full trueth of the buissenes; that so it mig|ht| be Certainely knowne whether the mother of y^e^ child be yet alive, & not secretly made away, or dying secretly buryed, And also that securitye may be Given to keepe the towne indemnified as to what charge may arise by Reason of said Child,

the Councill Expected this day that y^e^ said John Malavery should have appeared before them; But neither one nor other of y^e^ Majestrates Jssued forth any warrant to Cause him to be brought in, therefore the Councill Can proceede no further in y^e^ matter untill the sd Malavery be Caused to Come before them. /

At a meeteing of y^e^ Councill September y^e^ 12^f^: 1693:

Sarah ffield widdow of the deceased Zach-	90
ariah ffield who, deceased Agust y^e^ 12^th^: 1693,	36
shee this day appeared before y^e^ Councill	—
desireing of y^e^ Councill a settlem^t^. of her sd	54
deceased husband his Estate; And withall	34
presented an Jnventarey of her sd deceased	—
husband his Estate	88
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The aforesaid widdow Sarah ffield before y^e^ Councill made

oath to the Jnventarey of her sd deceased husband his Estate

Voated that for this year untill next Towne Election the Councill shall meete upon the second Tusday in Each month: / about 10 of y^e^ Clock in y^e^ day at Jo^n^ Whiples house

October y^e^ 10^th^: 1693, it being y^e^ 2^nd^ Tuesday of y^e^ month there not being A Competent number of the Councill that appeared No buissenes could be acted. /

At a meeteing of the Councill December y^e^ 12^th^: 1693 it being the 2^nd^ Tuesday of the Month

Jo^n^: Warner being a stranger being before the Councill Examined declared that he hath brought 2 children into [**8**] this Towne, the one about about 11 months old & y^e^ other about 3 yeares & a halfe old & hath at presant put them to Joseph Woodward for y^e^ space of 2 months time & Joseph Woodward hath so taken them, & that he brought the sd children from Maulburrough where hee dwelt & y^t^ he dwelt at Maulburrough & there y^e^ children was borne. /

Whereas there is a stranger one John warner who Came from the Towne of Maulburrough & hath with him brough 2 young children into our towne the which two children Joseph | Woodward | hath taken into his house; the said Warner pretending that he is passing along the Roade to Yorke but the mother at presant prevents him;

the Councill haveing taken y^e^ matter into Consideration that the Towne may be kept indemnified do ordred Considering the dificulty of the season of the yeare for passage that the sd John Warner doe Either betweene this day & y^e^ next day of the Councills meeteing the 2^nd^ Tuesday in Januarey next bring in two sufficient suretyes to keepe the Towne

harmeless from what charge may fall upon the Towne by Reason of his coming to the Towne & bringing in y^e^ sd Children | or Remoove himselfe & children away | otherwise prossicuion to be made in y^e^ Case according as y^e^ law provides, & the law duely to be Executed upon the Transgressor, or Transgressors. /

Where as there is a stranger a woman Come into our Towne from Newport (some say) hath been called by the name of Betty ffanny, & keepeth at Will Garrads house & hath been already by the Councills order warned to depart our Towne but yet as wee understand is not gone the Councill doe therefore order that the said woman doe Remoove herselfe out of y^e^ Towne forthwith other wise the second Tuesday in Januarey next to appeare before the Councill & give in sufficient securitye to keepe our Towne indemnified or to be proceeded against as ye law Requires in such cases.

Januarey y^e^ 9^th^: 169$\frac{3}{4}$ it being y^e^ 2^nd^ Tuesday in y^e^ month, the Councill is in being. /

Whereas Ed: Smith of this Towne of Providence departed this life upon y^e^ 8^th^ day of September in y^e^ yeare 1693, & dyeing intested his widdow Anphillis & his son Edward desireth of the Councill to grant unto them Administeration upon the Estate of y^e^ said deceased Ed: Smith; they haveing this day preferred to y^e^ Councill an Jnventarey of his Estate. /

[**9**] Whereas there is a person one Nathaniell ffox by Name who is by some meanes Come into our towne & being a person of no good fame & may in likelihood be troublesome to y^e^ towne the Councill doe therefore order that the said

Nathaniell ffox shall betweene this day & the second | Tuesday in | februarey next to Remoove himselfe out of this towne or Else to bring in sufficient bond & give in the same to the Councill to keepe the Towne indemnified from any Trouble or Charge w^ch^ may arise or acrue to the Towne by Reason of the sd ffox his resideing in y^e^ Towne, or otherwise to be proceeded against as the law Requires

Att a meeting of the Councill May the 8^th^: 1694 it being the second Tuesday in y^e^ Month:

Whereas Benjamin Hearnton of this Towne of Providence deceased | Aprill the 18^th^: last | made a disposition of his Estate by a written Will & the said Will being this | day | reffered to the Councill for Examination; but for as much as the Exsecutrix is not appeareing nor any of the Majestrates being present; Cannott at present proceede to further propegation of y^e^ Matter, but only it hath been openly read, & is by the Councill Refferred to som opportunity as it may be fully perfected;

Whereas there are some matters before the Councill, w^ch^ Cannott at present Conveniently be perfected; the Councill doe therefore order that this meeting be adjorn^d^ unto Munday y^e^ 21 of this | instant | that in y^e^ meanetime those matters may be put into a way for the Effecting there of. —/

Whereas there is a ℔s^n^ of Evill fame, (one Susannah Sheldon by name) who some tim since did Come into our towne & was by the Majestrats sited before the Councill, but Came not, but went away out of y^e^ towne (but as the Councill is informed is now Returned into the towne) the Councill [**10**] doe therefore order that the sayd Susannah Sheldon be warned

in by a summons under the Councills hands to appeare before the Councill upon Munday the 21 instant to give an account for her Returne & other Matters w^ch^ the Councill shall see Cause to Examine her about. /

A Summons is drawne up & signed by y^e^ Councill to witt) Pardon Tillinghast, Wim Hopkins, Nath: Waterman Ben: Carpenter; Joseph Williams, Tho: Olney: to warn in y^e^ sd Susanna Sheldon, & directed to the Constable Nath: Mawrey.

the Meeting is adjorned unto | Munday | y^e^ 21 Jnstant about 9 of y^e^ Clock: /

[1]At a meeting of y^e^ Councill Decemb^r^ y^e^ 21^st^: 1691

Whereas there is one William Garratt hath now brought his familye up from Newport (the place of his abode) into this towne & here intending with his said familye to make Residence; & upon the Complayint of divers of the inhabitance of this towne who are doubtfull they may be chargeable unto our sd towne: The Councill have therefore taken y^e^ matter into Consideration & doe order that the said Will: Garrett shall forthwith Remoove himselfe & his said family out of our said towne; but for asmuch as the season of the yeare is hard & may be danger in theire transportation the Councill doe allow the said Garrett time for the Remoovall of himselfe & familye untill the 15^th^ of March next Except within the said space of time the sd Garratt doe Give in sufficient securitye to keepe y^e^ towne indemnified to y^e^ Councill or townes satisfaction [1]

[11] At a meeteing of y^e^ Councill on Munday y^e^ 21 of May 1694 by adjornment from y^e^ 8^th^ instant. /

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[1] This entry on page 10 of the original book is written from the bottom of the page toward the top, the book having been reversed.

The meeting is adjorned unto Wednesday the 30th instant about 10 of ye Clock. /

At a meeting of ye Councill Wednesday May ye 30th: 1694 by adjornemt: from ye 21 instant. /

The last will & Teastament of Benjamin Hearnden beareing date ye 17th day of Aprill Anno 1694 was this day Examined & approoved by ye Councill. /

The Inventarey of the Estate of ye sd Ben: Hearnden deceas|ed | was also by ye Councill Examined;

Whereas Joseph Hearnden of this Towne of Providence deceased upon the 19th day of Aprill last; And dieing intested, his widdow Sarah Hearnden hath this day preferred unto the Councill an Jnventarey of his Estate, the which Jnventarey hath been by the Councill this day Examined;

The said widdow Sarah Hearnden also desireing administration upon ye said Estate;

But it so falleth out that the sd widdow Cannott procure bondsmen according a[ ] the law in such cases Requires;

And whereas by reason that there be severall young children to take Care of & bring up & many other nessessary Considerations whereby there seemes | to be | a Nessessity of Comitting Administration unto the said Widdow; the Councill upon the aforesd Considerations doe hereby therefore order & by these presents | doe | Comitt Administration of the Estate of the said deceased Joseph Hearnden, unto the his widdow the said Sarah Hearnton & that shee shall Administer upon the said Estate according as y[ ] law in such cases & so Circumstanced Requires, & to order & bring up the Children of the said deceased Joseph Hearnden; which

said Children wee, the sd Councill doe Comitt to the Tuission ordring & dispose of theire said Mother Sarah Hearnden untill they Attain to y^e^ age of 21 yeares; & for the said Sarah Hearnden from time t[ ] time to give up an Account of her Administration to the Councill | when | they desire it: & that, the sd widdow to have the proffitts of what lands her sd husband died possessed of untill the Heire attaine to the age of 21 yeares; And that Pardon Tillinghast is by the Councill desired & ordred to have some oversight, and be some Assistance unto the said woman as to her sd buissenes with advice; & for the ordring & Tuition of her sd Children;

the meeting is desolved

[12] At a meeteing of y^e^ Councill Agust y^e^ 21: 1694. /

Mary Man the widdow of the deceased Tho: Man | Providence | hath this day Exhibbitted the last will & Testament of her sd deceased husband for Examination & also the Evintarey of his Estates. /

the last will & Testam^t^: of | the aforesd | Tho: Man beareing date the Twelfe day of July, 1694. hath this day been Examined & only Two wittnesses (viz) Will: Carpenter & tho: Read appeared who both made oath as wittnesses to sd will the full: probation of sd will is Refered to the Councills next meeteing that y^e^ other wittnesses may appeare whose names are to sd will

The Jnventarey of y^e^ sd Tho: Mans Estate hath been Examined & Mary Man the Executrix to aforesd will hath made oath upon sd Jnventarey, & so also hath Jon Wilkeson & Moises Bartlett who tooke sd Jnventarey.

The meeteing is desolved,

At a Meeteing of y^e^ Councill September y^e^ 18^th^ 1694

Samuell Millerd this day appeared before the Councill & as wittness made oath to the last will & testament of Thomas man beareing date July y^e^ 12: 1694:

This Day the last will & Testament of Thomas Angell (deceased) beareing date y^e^ 23 of may 1685, hath been Examined; the which was some time since Exhibitted; James Angell the Exsecutor made Oath unto y^e^ same,

Tho: Olney Nathaniell Waterman & Epe: Olney as wittneses made oath to the sd will;

The said will is this day approoved

The will of tho: Man is yet Referred for approbation by Reason the Exsecutrix appeared not to make oath unto it,

At a meeteing of y^e^ Councill Tuesday November y^e^ 26^th^: 1694

Mary Man Widdow & Exsecutrix to the last will & Teastam^t^: of the deceased tho: Man beareing date July the 12^t^ 1694 appeared before the Councill & made oath to her sd deceased husbands said will, & Testament;

the aforesd will & Testament of the said deceased tho: man, hath been this day by the Councill Examined & approoved. /

[13] This 20^th^ of November 1694

Tho: Walling hath presented an Jnventarey of his deceased Brother John Walling unto y^e^ Councill, his brother John walling deceased the 11 of this Instant;

the Councill have this day Examined the said Enventarey, it being by tho: Walling brought in & taken by Will: (Hopkins one of y^e^ Councill) & by Jo^n^: Dexter both imployed

by sd Tho: Walling, the said Tho: Walling hath this day given attestation to sd Inventar & so also hath will: hopkins & John Dexter

the Councill Alloweth the sd Invenarey

Whereas Jo^{n}: Walling of this Towne of Providence who died the 11th day of this Instant & leaveing some small Estate behind him the Towne Councill have made inquiry whether y^{e} sd Jo^{n} walling made any disposition there of by any legall Will but the Towne Councill Cannot find that any will was by y^{e} said Jo^{n}: Walling made as Concerning the premises, & no will doth appeare: And Whereas Tho: Walling Eldest brother to y^{e} sd deceased Jo^{n} Walling hath of y^{e} Councill desired Administration of y^{e} Estate of his said deceased Brother Jo^{n} Walling,

The Councill doe by this act Comit Administration of y^{e} said deceased Jo^{n} Walling his Estate unto y^{e} said Tho: Walling the same to despose of according as the law Requires

Ordred that tho: Olney Towne Clarke shall in the behalf of y^{e} Councill signe a letter of, Administration to tho: Walling as to his Bro: Jo^{n}: his Estate & y^{e} same seale also;

A letter of Administration is signed & sealed to Tho: Walling.

Tho: Walling hath this day Given in bond to the Councill as concerning his Administration upon his bro Jo^{n} Walling deceased his Estate, the meeteing is desolved

At a meeteing of y^{e} Councill December y^{e} 18th: 1694

Deborah Hardin widdow of the deceased Abraham Hardin hath this day p^{r}sented an Jnventarey of her said deceased Husband his Estate unto y^{e} Councill;

Tho: Harris & Jonathan Sprague have this day upon Engagem^{t}: Attested to y^{e} truth of y^{e} sd Jnventarey,

Deborah Hardin widdow hath Also attested to y^{e} truth of sd Jnventa[ ] upon her Engagem^{t}: and if more Estate doe appeare, that then it shall be brought forth & Jnve|n|taried

Whereas Abraham Hardin of this Towne deceased y^{e} 23 of November last & dyeing intested Deborah his Widdow desireing Administra[ ] of his Estate, but cannot obtaine bondsmen to secure y^{e} Councill [**14**] the Councill doe therefore Referr the said Deborah Hardin unto y^{e} time of their next meeteing to procure bondsmen; & in the meane while, one the Councills behalfe to take care of her sd deceased husbands Estate to secure the same, & so to Cary matters on in the affairs of sd Estate y^{t} it may not be damnified but (if it may be) advantaged, to make up accounts with Creadit^{rs} & debt^{rs}, to Receive in what is due to y^{e} Estate, & to ballance accounts, & discharge what is due upon ballance, , & to give up a true account unto y^{e} Councill at their next meeting in order there unto the Councill doe invest the sd Deborah Hardin with power from them so to doe:

At a meeteing of the Councill Januarey the 15th: 169$\frac{4}{5}$:

Sarah Ashley the daughter of William Ashley deceased, hath this day preferred to the Councill an Jnventarey of her said deceased ffather his Estate, And desireth Administration on the sd Estate,

The said Sarah Ashley hath upon Engagem^{t}: Attested to the Trueth of sd Jnventarey, so also hath Jonathan Sprague & Moises Bartlett who tooke y^{e} sd Jnventarey

Whereas Sarah Ashley daughter of the deceased William

Ashley hath this day desired Administration on her said deceased ffather his Estate; The Councill have well Considered the matter, & made inquirey after other kindred of the sd William Ashley but none other can find that may or can make Clayme to y^e^ sd Estate, the said Sarah Ashley not only being the Child of the said william Ashley, but his only child, & thereby apparant heires to his Estate; These are therefore to signifie that wee the said Towne Councill of Providence doe by these presents Comitt the power of Administration of the whole Estate of the sd William Ashley | deceased | unto his sd daughter Sarah Ashley for her the same to administer upon & act & doe there with according as the law in such cases Requires; her sd ffather dieing intested, & from time | to time | to give up an account of her Administration unto y^e^ Councill;

The Councill doe Continue Administration on y^e^ Estate of the deceased Abraham Hardin unto Deborah his Widdow untill the day of their meeting in May next & then to give up account of her actings to y^e^ Councill.

James Angell hath this day Exhibeted unto y^e^ Councill the last will & Testament of his deceased mother Alice Angell;

the sd will hath this day been Examined by the Councill & approoved the Jnventarey of the Estate of sd Alce angell who deceased y^e^ 24^th^ of December 1694 is not yet brought in; the which is ordered to be brought in at the Councills next meeteing

Whereas there is one Benoni Wooly who is a stranger come into our Towne; & this day Complaynt is made unto y^e^ Councill against the sd person for that hee hath Jrregularly fallen upon the Townes Timber makeing destruction thereof Contrarey

to Reason & our Towne Orders the which sd person hath been this day by Majestrates presented before y^e^ Councill, the Councill hath made inquiry into the Matter; & doe Referr the same unto the Towne for their detirmination the next quarter day. /

[15] At a meeteing of the Councill ffebruarey y^e^ 12^f^ 169$\frac{4}{5}$ James Angell the Exsecutor to the last will & Testament of the deceased tho: Angell, & also Exsecutor to the last will of the deceased Alice Angell hath this day preferred the Jnventareys of Each of theire Estates & made Oath to the trueth thereof

Tho: Olney & Nathainell Watterman who tooke the Jnventarey of y^e^ Estate of y^e^ deceased Tho: Angell & of y^e^ deceased Alice Angell have given attestation upon Engagement unto y^e^ sd Jnventaryes;

Whereas the Councill is by theire Majestrate Joseph Williams Given to understand that there is a strange woman who is bigg with child brought into our Towne & y^e^ 8^th^ instant at night left by one Joseph Cowell at y^e^ house of Tho: Harris Jun^r^ And Whereas the wether is such that at presant that there Can be no Remoovall of the sd woman unto boston from which shee came without great hazzard & danger of her life it is there fore ordred that the Councill doe meete againe the next munday to Consider & order concerning y^e^ matter;

The Councill is adjorned untill munday the 18^th^ Jnstant. /

Munday y^e^ 18^th^ of ffebruarey 169$\frac{4}{5}$
the Councill meeteing is againe in being
Hannah Hayman a strange wooman come into our Towne

shee saith (being Examined) her being is at boston, her husband shee saith his name is John Hayman & that he went from boston the last July & hath not been in this Country since shee saith she hath a hired house at boston; Shee came from Boston to Dorchester, & from Dorchester to Dedham, & from Dedham to Rent|on| & from Renton was brought to David whipples house on the north side of Pautuckett River, & from David Whipples house was by Joseph Cowell David Whipples son in law brought to Providence to Tho: Harris Jun^{r}: his house; David Whipple himselfe takeing 2^{s} of her for his sons carring of her away to Providence; And That when shee came to Tho: Harris jun^{r}: his house shee asked Tho: Harris to lodge their & he Told her she might, & their shee was severall dayes & nights; The child which shee goeth with shee saith is her husbands

Whereas that Hannah Hayman | of Boston | Coming into our towne greate with Child & likely to be chargeable to our Towne, for the prevention there of the Councill doe hereby order that the sayd Hannah Hayman be forthwith Remooved out of our Towne; & in order to the safe Conveience of her to Boston, (the place of her abode) that shee be Conveid by the Constable of o^{r} Towne to Justice Peck of Rehoboth;

Ordred that a letter be sent from the Councill to justice Peck of Rehoboth in order to the Conveience of sd woman; & that tho: Olney as Towne Clark doe subscribe it in behalfe of the Councill

A Coppy of the sd letter is as followeth

[16] Sir Providence the 18th of ffebruary 169$\frac{4}{5}$

We are sorrey it so falles out that we are put upon it to trouble you with a matter of this Nature; but so it is, There

came a woman into o^{r} Towne y^{e} 8th instant at night great with Child out of yo^{r} Province from Boston & was brought in & left at a house in our TowneShip by one of yo^{r} Province Joseph Cowell by name it being y^{e} Night before the Storme; As soone as Could be the authority tooke notice of her & have had her in Examination, Shee gives us this account that her name is Hannah Hayman, & her husbands name is John Hayman, & that her husband went to sea in Jully last & hath not been in this Countrey since;

Shee saith shee hath a hired house in Boston & that shee came from Boston to Dorchester, & from Dorchester to Dedham, & from Dedham to Renton, & from Renton to the house of David Whipple, & from thence to Providence, We find that the King by his lawes takes care of all his subjects, & Requires all in authority so to doe;

She being one of y^{e} inhabitants of yo^{r} Province, We haveing inquired into y^{e} lawes Concerning matters of this Nature, it Directs to the Care of a justice of Peace, We are willing for our owne securytie, & for y^{e} safty of the Woman to take the way as the law directs that so shee may be sent from Constable to Constable to the place of her abode, & yo^{r}selfe being the next justice to us, that is in yo^{r} Province, we have ordred our Constable, in order to her Removeall to the place of her aboad to leave her with you, for shee appeares to be a person vagarent; And her Condition is such that it Requires her to be under the Care & Custody of authority;

Jf we should have directed her to one of the Constables within yo^{r} Jurisdiction to be sent from Constable to Constable to y^{e} place of her abode its likely it would be Concluded that we had asumed Power in yo^{r} Province & so yo^{r} Constables have disobeyed;

But we have taken the Rules of law to Convey the sd woman to yo^{r}selfe who have power to Comand Every of yo^{r} Constables that so the woman may be carefully Conveid to the place of her being & Care to be taken of her by those unto whome it may & doth belong,

Sir, we hope it will not be ill taken, its what is Required of us & what the law directs unto

Sir yo^{r} ffriends, & Neighbours to serve you
the Towne Councill of Providence
Tho: Olney Towne Clarke

To Nicolas Peck Esquire
one of their Majestyes justices of y^{e} peace
in the Province of the Massachusets
Present /

At a meeteing of y^{e} Councill March y^{e} 19th: 169$\frac{4}{5}$

Whereas Abraham man of this Towne of Providence who died the 26th day of ffebruarey 169$\frac{4}{5}$ & dieing intested an Jnventarey of his Estate hath this day been by William Hopkins presented [**17**] to the Councill, the sd William Hopkins being his kinsman who hath upon his oath declared that the sd Jnventarey Contains all the sd Abraham man his Estate so farr as he knowes,

Nath^{ll} waterm^{n} & tho: ffield hath given oath upon sd Jnventarey,

Whereas Mary the wife of John Lappham of of Dartmouth (at presant under the Goverm^{t} of the Massachussett; the which Mary is next of Kinn to to the aforesd deceased Abraham man, hath desired Administration upon the Estate of the said Abraham man, the Councill hath Considered the matter

& hath Granted Administration of the said Abraham mans his Estate unto the sd John lappham to administer there upon as the law Requires & of his administration to give an account unto the Councill

The said John Lappham & Captaine will hopkins haveing given in bond unto the Councill to performe the Administration as the law Requires. /

Whereas Nath: Mawrey hath this day preferred the account of his Administration of his deceased brother John Mawrey his Estate but his account not being fully drawne the further hereing thereof is Referred to o^{r} next meeteing

The meeteing is desolved

At a meeteing of the Councill Aprill the 16th: 1695

Nathaniell Mawrey this day hath given in uto the Councill an account of his Administration upon the Estate of his deceased Brother John mawrey, both as to gaine & loss to y^{e} Estate & what hath been Received in, & paid out of the Estate;

The Councill have Examined & Allowed his account; & find that all debts & charges paid, there is yett of the said John mawrey his Estate Remaineing to be divided amongst the sd John mawrey, deceased, his children the sum of 48^{lb} 10^{s} — . only what James Phillipps & his wife had of the sd John mawrey before the death of Jo^{n} mawrey shall also be counted devidable with the Rest of the Estate: /

And whereas John mawrey heire of the deceased John mawrey is now of full age to Receive his part of y^{e} sd Estate the Councill doe hereby order the Administrator Nathaniell mawrey to deliver his part of y^{e} sd Estate into his hand. /

The meeting is desolved. /

The 14th day of may 1695, it being the day of the Councill meeteing; but so it was that none of the Councill appeared but only Joseph jenkes, Pardon Tillinghast, Nath: Waterman & tho: Olney, so that there was not a Councill to act, And

[18] Whereas Deborah Hardin Widdow to the deceased Abraham Hardin should by order of the Councill have this day appeared before the Councill to have given up her account unto the Councill of her acting upon & in her said deceased husbands Estate, but shee hath not this day appeared at the place of the Councills meeteing. /

The aforesd persons of the Councill have waited untill about 4 of The Clock in the afternoone & none | others | appeared; so were put upon it to dissapate; with out action. /

At a meeteing of the Councill June the 11th: 1695;

Ordred that the | next | Tuesday before the full moone in Each month shall be the day for the Councill to meete; & to continue in that order untill the first munday in june Next. /

The Councill doe still Continue Administration of the Estate of the deceased Abraham Hardin unto Deborah Hardin his widdow untill the day of the Councills meeting in december next, & then to give up an account to the Councill of her Administration & acting upon the sd Estate so farr as shee hath acted; and that Jonathan Sprague is desired by the Councill to be assistant to the sd Deborah in lookeing after makeing up & perfecting of accounts, & setting & fitting accounts to give in to the Councill

Whereas there is a person who hath been knowne by the name of Elizabeth Lilley who the Councill doe understand is

Come into the Towne & is a person likely to be chargeable to the Towne; the Councill haveing Considered the matter & state of things Concerning the same see Cause not to admitt of the said Elizabeth to make Residence in our Towne; but doe by these presents order that the said Elizabeth who hath been knowne by the name of Lilley shall Emediatly Depart out of the jurisdiction bounds, & limitts of this Towne of Providence & in the same make no residence; or other wise if shee fayle of performing the sd order; then for further proceeds in way as the law doth declareth to be propegated against her. /

Wheras there is a person Come into our towne (as the Councill are informed) who is called by the name of John Andrewes; who as it is Reported is a person of Evill fame; being of him Reported to be a person who hath made his Escape out of some Other parts from authoritye, the said Person haveing been by our majestrate of warned; this day to appeare before the Councill but he hath not appeared, whereby the Councill might have made Enquirey of him as Concerning his presumption in Resideing in our towne without the townes Order; but hath manifested his Contempt in not appeareing according to the majestrates warning

The Councill have Considered the matters Conserning him And doe hereby order that the said John Andrewes shall forthwith, Or Emediately Remoove himselfe & depart this Towne & Every & Each part of the same & y^{e} bounds thereof & not to abide or make Residence therein; the which if the said John Andrewes doe not fully observe, performe & obey then shall the law be fully Executed upon the said John Andrewes which by our Colloney is made against strangers that Coming into Towne without admittance:

And whereas there is a woman Come into our Towne as the Councill is informed who is a mans wife belonging to another place, which woman is said to be mother of the afore sd John Andrewes, The Councill doe Order that the sd wooman doe Emediatly depart out of this towne bounds or other wise to be preceeded against according as the law Requires,

The meeting is desolved

[19] At a meeteing of y^e^ Councill Agust y^e^ 13^th^: 1695 Whereas There is a Complaint made unto y^e^ Councill both by John Thornton junior, & also a Request by his father Jo^n^: Thornton Sen^r^ informing & desireing of y^e^ Councill to take Care of y^e^ Children of y^e^ deceased Zachary ffield that so they may be bound out unto some good places where they may be well brought up & Educated, that they may not want & so kept imployed & be instructed that they may be Capable hereafter to git their livelyhood,

The Councill have taken y^e^ matter into Consideration, & have discoursed y^e^ mother of y^e^ said Children, & ordred her to looke out some good places to put three of her said Children to (to say) y^e^ 3 Eldest boyes & to doe it betweene this day & y^e^ next day of our Councill | meeting | & at our next Councill | meeting | to appeare & give them information where & who the persons are, whome shee made choyce of, that if y^e^ Councill doe allow of y^e^ places, that y^e^ sd children may be bound out for a Certaine time. /

Mary Edmunds hath this day preferred the last will and Teastam^t^: of her deceased husband Andrew Edmunds beareing date of y^e^ 22^nd^ day of July 1695 unto ye Councill, the which Will is by the Councill this day Examined & aprooved

And hath also preferred the Inventarey of y^e^ sd Edmunds Estate the which is also by y^e^ Councill Examined & allowed : /

Whereas one John Andrewes a stranger who presumptiously hath for some time made Residence in our Town, not withstanding the Towne Councill at their meeting June y^e^ 11^th^ last ordred his Remooveall & Gave sentance for the full Executteing the law upon him in Case of his Returne,

The Councill doe now againe order & detirmine that the Majestrates doe Emediatly Cause the sd Andrews to be apprehended, & in Case he doe not Emediately depossitt five pounds silver money | then to | Receive Corporall punishment to y^e^ full number of stripes as y^e^ law Expresseth ; & to be Remooved out of y^e^ Township forthwith after the Execution done, & the law so to be Executed upon him as often as he shall Returne,

The Councill | meeting | is desolved,

[20] At a meeting of y^e^ Councill September y^e^ 10^th^ : 1695. /

Whereas the widdow Sarah ffield should this day have appeared before the Councill to have given them information what places shee hath sought out to place out her children in (according to the Councills order y^e^ last meeteing but the said Sarah ffield, hath not this day appeared ; so that the Councill is Jgnorant what shee hath done therein, the Councill have Referred & doe hereby Referr the further proceede in the matter unto our next meeting;

The Councill is adjorned untill Tuesday Next the 17^th^ instant

Tuesday y^e^ 17^th^ of September 1695.

The Councill is againe in being ;

Whereas Thomas Patey of this Towne of Providence is Departed this life And a full months time is now past since his departure and no will of the disposition of y^e^ sayd Patey his Estate doth appeare unto the Councill in all this time therefore as y^e^ law Requires Concerning persons dying intested the Councill have taken y^e^ matter iuto Consideration & have ordred & by this presents doe order William Hopkins & Epenetus Olney | who are two of the Councill | forthwith to Repare to y^e^ house of y^e^ sd Tho: Patey & take a full & perfect Jnventarey of y^e^ sd Patey his Estate & bring it in unto the Councill that so the may proceede to the | settling | matters as to y^e^ sd Estate according as y^e^ law Requires. /

Sara ffield widdow hath this day appeared before y^e^ Councill & hath given them information that shee hath provided places to put out her three Eldest children to service unto; as namely Zachary to Nath: Waterman jun^r^ John to Nath: Waterman sen^r^: & James to Solomon Thornton & to be put forth untill they are 21 yeares of Age;

The Councill doe allow of the places,

Whereas it hath been propossed unto Sarah ffield (widdow) as to y^e^ binding forth of her 3 children unto those masters which shee hath afore informed y^e^ Councill shee hath provided; her answere is that shee | can | not be free to bind them out herselfe but is willing that the Councill should bind them out to them sd Masters & shee doth freely give way thereunto:

The meeting is adjorned untill | Tuesday | y^e^ 24^th^ instant

Tuesday y^e^ 24^th^ of September 1695

The Councill is againe in being,

This day there hath been an Jnventarey of y^e^ Estate of the Deceased Tho: Patey was preferred to y^e^ Councill;

Elizabeth Patey the sd Pateys widdow this day before y^e^ Councill hath upon her Engagem^t^: declared as to y^e^ trueth of sd Jnventarey, & if more doe yet appeare it shall be brought forth & Added to sd Jnventarey;

William Hopkins & Epenetus Olney have this day upon y^e^ Engagem^t^: declared to y^e^ truth of sd Jnventarey, they being | 2 of | y^e^ persons who tooke sd Jnventarey./

Whereas the widdow of the deceased tho: Patey is inalinable to take administration upon her deceased husband his estate but yet cannot procure bond to secure y^e^ Councill, & whereas many things of y^e^ sd Estate lye [ ]n hazzard of Ruin,

The Councill doe therefore Comitt Administration unto [ ]he sd Widdow to act upon y^e^ sd Estate & the securitye thereof & forwarding of [**21**] & for advantageing y^e^ same untill the meeting of y^e^ Councill in Novemb^r^ next which will be y^e^ 5^th^ day of y^e^ Month, & then to give up an account to y^e^ Councill of her actings therein;

the meeting is desolved

At a meeting of y^e^ Councill October y^e^ 8^th^: 1695:

Whereas the Children of y^e^ Deceased Zachary ffield are now at the Councills despose, & have ordred that 3 of them (to witt) Zachary, Jo^n^ & James shall Emediatly be put forth apprentices, the Councill doe therefore Order & appoynt Joseph williams justice of y^e^ peace & tho: Olney Towne Clarke to act & doe on y^e^ Councills behalfe as to y^e^ putting forth y^e^ sd | 3 | Children & binding | of | them out & w^t^ y^e^ sd Joseph Williams & tho: Olney doe act & doe as to y^e^ premises shall

stand good & as athentick as if y^e^ whole Councill was y^e^ personall actors & performers thereof. /

At a meeting of y^e^ Councill Januarey y^e^ 7^th^: $169\frac{5}{8}$

Elizabeth Patey hath this day given up an account to y^e^ Councill as to how farr shee hath acted in Administration upon her deceased husband tho: Patey his Estate as followeth

Received of tho: Durffey ℔ M^r^ Cruffurd $13^s - 8^d$, Sold 2 yards & a halfe of Cloath 8^s. 6^d, Sold 1 Coverlidd for 1^{lb}: 6^d: Sold 10 yards $\frac{1}{2}$ of Cloath 1^{lb}: 5^s: Sold 12 Sheepe 2^{lb}: 15: Sold 1 ℔ of Shooes 4^s: 6^d Received for Tobacco 15: 6^d: Rec^d^ of M^r^ Waterman 2^s: Sold a horse for 2^{lb}: 10^s: Sold a Gunn for 16^s: Received of Ben: Sabin 2^{lb}.

The Councill doth yet Continue Administration unto Elizabeth Patey (widdow) upon her deceased husband his | tho: Patey | Estate untill theire meeteing day in Aprill Next & then to give up the account of her acting therein to y^e^ Councill,

Whereas Sarah field widdow, is (as the Councill is informed) about to change her Condition by way of Marriagge; & whereas her Brother John Thornton being impowered by y^e^ Councill to Administer upon the deceased Zachary ffield his Estate, as well as y^e^ sd widdow; & whereas y^e^ sd Jo^n^ Thornton hath desired of y^e^ Councill that they would take some Course that what is of y^e^ said Zach: ffield deceased his Estate may be secured (that if any be after debts payd remaining) may be for y^e^ Reliefe of y^e^ Children;

The Councill have Considered the matter & doe order that the said Widdow doe upon the day of the Councills meeting

in ffebruarey Next give up an account of her Administeration on her deceased husband Zach: ffield his Estate; how shee hath desposed thereof & acted therein & what of y^e^ Estate is yet Remaineing: & Also that y^e^ said John Thornton doe give up an account the same day of what he hath Administred

[**22**] And also that y^e^ sd Jo^n^: Thornton doe looke after & to find out Convenient places to put out y^e^ sd Zach: ffield his children & at y^e^ Councills meeteing in ffebruarey next to make reporte thereof that the sayd Children may by y^e^ Councill be bound out: /

The last will & Testament of the deceased Silas Carpenter with an inventarey of his Estate was this day Exhibeted to y^e^ Councill for approbation. /

At a Meeteing of y^e^ Councill ffebruarey y^e^ 4^th^: $169\frac{5}{6}$. /

This day there was a writeing Exhibited to y^e^ Councill as y^e^ last will of william vinsent & also an inventarey of his Estate

There is also an inventarey of y^e^ Estate of Joshua Turner (deceased) Exhibbeted unto y^e^ Councill but those who tooke y^e^ Jnventarey appeare not; therefore y^e^ Consideration of y^t^ matter is at presant suspended; And also none appeares in y^e^ vindecation of william vinsent (deceased) the writeing sd to be his will, that matter is at presant suspended for y^e^ Consideration thereof. /

Whereas Gideon Cruffurd hath this day desired of y^e^ Councill to signe him a deede of that land which was Tho: Waters, the which land the sd Cruffurd formerly agreed with y^e^ Councill for, he haveing declared to y^e^ Councill that upon y^e^ Signeing of the deede his money is Ready to pay for y^e^ sd land;

The Councill doe therefore Ordred that Tho: Olney doe draw up a deede thereof to be ready at y^e^ Nex Councill day of Meeteing that so a full Jssu may be put to y^e^ buisseness. /

Whereas the Widdow Sarah ffield the Widdow of Zachary ffield (deceased) was together with John Thornton jun^r^: by y^e^ Councill put in Admininstrator upon y^e^ Estate of Zachary ffield aforesd: & Whereas it appeares that y^e^ sd Estate is by y^e^ sayd Sarah ffield wasted; & not so unprooved as it ought & might have been

The Councill haveing at their last Meeteing ordred y^t^ y^e^ said Sarah ffield should this day have appeared before y^e^ Councill & have given up an account of her Administratorshipp to y^e^ Councill, but hath not this day appeared but appears Refrectery in her actings;

The Councill doe therefore Order that John Thornton jun^r^ doe take the whole administration of y^e^ sd Estate upon him, & into his handes & to take an Jnventarey of what of y^e^ sd Estate is yet left, & Remaineing & to give up his account from time to time unto y^e^ Councill of his actings therein & also to take Care of y^e^ sd Zachary ffields | children | to find places to put them out to service unto, & the next Councill meeteing day the said John thornton to appeare before the Councill & informe them how he hath proceeded in y^e^ Matter;

And the widdow Sarah ffield is wholy suspended as to her Administratorshipp as to y^e^ s^d^ Estate. / & that y^e^ sd John Thornton be allowed to be payd out of y^e^ sd Estate for his Care & paynes; therein.

Wheras there is a person one John Gurney by Name who belongs not unto our Towne yet is here come in & at presant makes Residence here, but hath nought to maintaine him or

supply his wants, & whereas he is as others are liable to fall into a Condition of Siknes, lamenes, or other wise [**23**] as wants may accrew, & the sd person not belonging to our Towne;

The Councill doe Consider the trust in them Reposed, doe by these presents order that the said John Gurney doe betweene this day & the 14th day of this instant depart out of ye jurisdiction of this Towne other wise to be delt withall according as ye law in such Cases Requires, & that one of ye Constables by warrant from a Majestrate doe warne him thereunto: /

Jt is ordred by ye Councill that Daniell ffield Son of ye deceased Zachry ffield be put an apprentice unto Nicholas Sheldon of this Towne of Providence untill he come to be of ye age of 21 yeares;

The Towne Councill have agreed with ye sd Nicholas Sheldon to take ye sd Daniel ffield an apprentice & with the said ladd the said Nicholas Sheldon to have 50s paid out of ye sd Zach: ffield his Estate; & the sd Nicolas Sheldon hath agreed dureing ye sd terme to allow the sd ladd sufficient meat drinke lodging & apparrill & to practice & instruct him in ye art & mistrey of a Tanner so farr as ye sd lad may learne ye sd trade & to learne sd ladd to Reade & Rite & at ye End of ye terme to set ye sd lad free. & allow him two sufficient suits of apparrill;

& the Councill doe order John thornton junr forthwith to deliver sd ladd to sd Nicolas Sheldon but in Case of obstruction of or by sd ladds mother or others the Constable then by warrant from a Majestrate to take ye sd ladd & deliver him to sd Sheldon; & that ye Endentures by ye Clarke be drawne by ye next Councill day & ye ladd then to be bound.

the meeting is Desolved

At a meeteing of y^e^ Councill March y^e^ 3^d^: 169$\frac{5}{6}$:

Whereas the deceased tho: Patey died indebted as wee doe suppose unto severall persons, & whereas y^e^ law requires that those that so dye Proclaimation shall be made that all persons who are Creadit^rs^ doe come in within one yeares time & before the Councill make their debts appeare,

Jt is therefore ordred by the Councill that tho: Olney Towne clarke doe one the Councills behalfe sett up a Proclaimation on some publick place to give notice to all Creadit^rs^: y^t^ so they may accordingly make appearance. /

Whereas there was power of administration Granted for a time unto Deborah Hardin widdow of y^e^ deceased Abraham Hardin upon the Estate of y^e^ sd Abrahardin & to give up her account of administration to the Councill according to theire order;

And whereas the said Deborah Hardin hath lately changed her Condition by marriage with Moises Bartlett who have this day both appeared before y^e^ Councill & doe desire the whole administration on y^e^ sd Estate, who will Endeavor to pro|cu[ ] | bonds men ag|ain|st the next Councill meeting, the Councill doe therefore Comitt the power of Administration unto the said Mo|i|ses Bartlett & Deborah his wife jointly, untill the day of their Next meeting & then to appeare before the Councill & give up their account and to give in bond to the Councill, for further Administration

[**24**] Jt is Granted unto Joanna Turner that shee doe admister on the Estate of her deceased husband Joshua Turner (deceased) untill the day of y^e^ Councills next meeting & then to appeare before the Councill & give in Bond, & take a letter of full Administration /

Joanna Turner Widdow hath this day upon Engagem^{t}: gave attestation to her sd deceased | husbands | Jnventarey of his Estat: So also hath Peleg Roades & John King,

The last will & testam^{t} of William vinsent of this towne of Providence hath this day been Examined & approoved, which bearing date December 21: 1695:

the meeting is desolved:

According to y^{e} Councills order Tho: Olney Towne Clarke set up a proclaimation beareing date March y^{e} 3^{d}: 169$\frac{5}{6}$: to give Notice unto all y^{e} Creadit^{rs}: of Tho: Patey (deceased) to appeare before y^{e} Councill betweene y^{e} day of sd date & y^{e} 19th day of Agust Next, & to make their debts to appeare & declare y^{e} sum of their demand./

At a meeting of y^{e} Councill march the 31: 1696

Moises Bartlett & Deborah his wife have this day given in an account of theire Administration upon y^{e} Estate of y^{e} deceased Abraham Hardin what debts they have received & of what they have payd, & the account which they have given in, is, that | which | they have Received in, of what was due to y^{e} Estate of sd Abraham Hardin is 11^{lb} – 2^{s} – 11^{d}, & what they have payd out of y^{e} sd Estate to discharge its debts is 14 – 15 –06.

Whereas the Councill some time since past an order Conserning the remoovall of one John Gurney | a person vagerant | a stranger & hath been by y^{e} Constable Carried & set out of our Towne but as wee doe understand the sd Gurney is againe Returned into our Towne

There fore y^{e} Councill doe order that the said Gurney be de|a|lt withall & proceeded against according as the law

Expreseth in such cases; & the Councill doe detirmine that the said John Gurney shall by warrant from a majestrate, be apprehended & shall pay 5^{lb} in money, or Else be Whipt upon his Naked Body with 12 stripes & be by the Constable Emediatly after^{t} y^{e} Execution | or payment | Remooved out of y^{e} Towne

The Councill doe Continue administration of Abraham Hardins Estate unto Moises Bartlett & Deborah his wife untill our next Councill meeteing;

the meeteing is desolved. /

At a meeting of y^{e} Councill July y^{e} 28th: 1696

Tho: walling hath this day made demand of 2^{lb} in money due to him from the Estate of tho: Patey deceased, the which he hath showed the Councill a Bill for this day but y^{e} bill yet remaines in his hands.

This day Rich: Clemence hath Exhibited the Jnventarey of his deceased Brother Content Clemence | his estate | who deceased y^{e} 30th day of June 1696

The proceedes in Content Clemence his matter is Referred to y^{e} Councills next meeting, by Reason Cap^{t}: Hopkins is wanting who was one y^{t} tooke y^{e} Jnventarey

Pardon Tillinghast hath this day made demands of a debt due to him from y^{e} Estate of y^{e} deceased tho: Patey to y^{e} sum of about 20^{s}

[ ]^{n}. Whipple hath this day informed the Councill that [**25**] there is due to him from y^{e} Estate of Tho: Patey deceased – 5^{s} – 1^{d}

The meeting is desolved. /

At a meeting of y^{e} Councill September the 29th: 1696

Elizabeth Patey hath this day given up an account to the

Councill of her Administeration on y^e^ Estate of her deceased husband tho: Patey, that shee hath made up Tho: Pateys accounts with Nath: Paine & Rest due to Nath: Paine from sd Pateys Estate 4^lb^: 17^s^: 1^d^. if no mistake in suming up the account in y^e^ bill is in y^e^ office

The Councill doe yet Continue Administration of y^e^ Estate of y^e^ deceased tho: Patey unto his widdow Elizabeth Patey untill the Councill meeting | day | in the month of May Next

Nathaniell Waterman & Will: Hopkins this day Attested unto y^e^ inventarey of y^e^ deceased tho: Patey. /

John Dexter hath demanded 1^lb^ – 19^s^ due to him from y^e^ Estate of y^e^ deceased tho: Patey for 6 barrills of sidar;

the which debt the Councill hath inquired into & it doth appeare, so farr as they Can find to be due:

Due to Jo^n^. Whipple Sen^r^. from y^e^ Estate of tho: Patey, upon ballance of accounts, 7^s^. –

the meeting is desolved.

At a meeteing of y^e^ Councill October y^e^ 27^th^: 1696

Richard Clemence hath this day upon Engagement given attestation to the Enventarey of y^e^ Estate of his deceased Brother Content Clemence.

Rich: Clemence hath this day Given bond to y^e^ Councill for Administration upon his Brother y^e^ deceased Content Clemance his Estate, voated & ordred that the Towne Clarke Tho: Olney doe on y^e^ Councill behalf signe a letter of Administration to Rich: Clemence upon the Estate of his deceased Brother, Content Clemence. /

Whereas Abraham Hardin of this Towne of Providence

dyed intested & his Widdow hath not yet procured bond nor yet given in any to y^e^ Council & hath of late Changed her Condition by Marriage & should long since both shee & her now husband have appeared before the Councill; but have not:

Jt is therefore Ordred by y^e^ Councill that both shee & Moises Bartlet her now husband be sumoned in before the Councill, the nex day of their meeteing to appeare;

Here followeth a Coppye of a letter of Administration to Rich Clemence

Whereas you Rich: Clemence of Providence in y^e^ Colloney of Rhode Jsland & Providence plantations in New Englan|d| haveing given in bond unto y^e^ Towne Councill [**26**] of sd Providence truely to Administer upon y^e^ Estate of y^r^ brother y^e^ deceased Content Clemence, these are therefore to you the sd Rich: Clemence, & we y^e^ sd Towne Councill doe by these presents Comitt unto you y^e^ sd Rich: Clemence full powre of Administration upon y^e^ Estate yo^r^ sd deceased Brother Content Clemence so farr forth as power to us is Comitted, And y^t^ you shall truely upon y^e^ sd Estate Administer according as y^e^ law Require & to give up an account of y^r^ acting therein unto y^e^ Councill

Octobr y^e^ 27^th^ 1696

By ord^r^. of y^e^ Councill

Tho: Olney Towne Clarke

The meeting is desolved

At a meeteing of y^e^ Councill December y^e^ 22^nd^: 1696

Whereas Deborah y^e^ late wife of Abraham Hardin hath with her now husband Moises Bartlet this day appeared before

y^e Councill in order to give in bond as Concerning the deceased Abraham Hardin his Estate, but their bondsman not appeareing according to his promise the matter is Refferred unto the Councill meeting in ffebruary next. /

the meeting is desolved

Whereas there is a strange woman Come into our Towne who is likely to be Chargeable to our towne, the Majestrates upon information thereof have sumoned the Councill together to take order about her; /

Vpon sd summons the Councill | is | met & in being this 9^th day of ffebruarey 169$\frac{6}{7}$

The Majestrat haveing granted forth a warrant to y^e Constable to apprehend a strange woman who calleth her selfe Mary Wormewood & to bring the sd woman this day before y^e Councill:

The Constable his Returne is that he hath | made | search after sd woman but Cannot find her But Joseph Latham declares y^t shee is his servant & that hee will defend her against | whoso shall | Endeavour to apprehend her

the meeting is desolved

At a Meeting of y^e Councill ffebruary y^e 23^d 169$\frac{6}{7}$

Whereas there was a Report that Nathaniell Gove caried a woman behind him on horseback by William Randalls house;

Where upon the Majestrats sent a sumons & sumons in Nathaniell Gove this day to appeare before the Councill to answere thereunto.

[**27**] the sd Nathaniell Gove haveing apeared before the Councill, & being Examined Concerning the sd matter the sd Nathaniell Gove vtterly denies that he carried any woman one

or another behind him any way at or about the time as y^e^ sd Report was made of, for he said he had not carried any woman person behind him for severall yeares past. /

William Randall hath this day Reported before the Councill that he heard his daughter say that her brother said he saw Jo^n^. fflooker Cary a woman behind him by theire house, & y^t^ was spoken when Moises Bartle Constable was seeking to apprehend a woman who was a stranger come to Joseph Lathams

the meeting is desolved

At a meeting of y^e^ Councill may y^e^ 18^th^: 1697:

At a meeteing of the Councill June 22^nd^: 1697

The Administration of y^e^ Estate of y^e^ deceased tho: Patey is yet Continued unto his Widdow Elizabeth Patey untill our Councill meeteing day in November Next. /

Whereas it is Ordred y^t^ the Councill day of Meeting should be on y^e^ Tuesday in Each month next before y^e^ full Moone,

Jt it is Now ordred further, That if it so fall y^t^ y^e^ Moone doe happen to full one Tusday at any time of y^e^ day (in any Month) according to astronimall account, yet that shall be y^e^ day of y^e^ meeteing,

Administration of y^e^ Estate of y^e^ Deceased Abraham Hardin is yet Continued to Moises Bartlett & to Deborah his wife untill our Councill Meeting day in November Next

the meeting is desolved

At a Councill meeting July y^e^ 20^th^: 1697.

the meeting is desolved. /

[**28**] November y^e^ 16^th^: 1697 The towne Councill is met & in being /

Elizabeth Patey widdow & Relique of the deseased Tho: Patey this day did appeare before the Councill; but Cannot yet procure bondsmen for Administration on sd Pateys Estate;

The Councill doe yet Continue administration unto y^e^ sd Elizabeth Patey upon sd deceased tho: Patey his Estate untill the Councill meeting in Aprill Next. /

Whereas at o^r^ Councill meeting y^e^ 22^nd^ of June last Administration upon y^e^ Estate of y^e^ deceased Abraham Hardin was Continued unto Moises Bartlet & to Deborah his wife untill this day, & whereas they yet Cannot procure bondsmen;

The Councill doe yet Continue Administration upon y^e^ sd Estate unto y^e^ said Moises Bartlett & Deborah his wife untill the Councills meeting in Aprill next

The meeting is desolved.

At a meeting of the Councill march y^e^ 15^th^: 169⅞. /

Benjamin Carpenter of Pautuxett in Providence & Simon Smith of Warwick have this day Exhibitted the will & Testament of Ephraim Carpenter of Pautuxett in y^e^ Colloney of Rhode Island & Providence Plantations beareing date y^e^ 20^th^: day of ffebruary 169⅞, they desireing a Probation of y^e^ same; they being Exsecut^rs^ to y^e^ sd will;

they have also together with the said will Exhibitted an Jnventarey of the estate of y^e^ sd Ephraim Carpenter (deceased)

The last will & Testament of y^e^ deceased Ephraim Carpenter who deceased y^e^ 22^nd^ of ffebruarey 169⅞ beareing date 20^th^ day of ffebruarey 169⅞ is by the Councill approoved;

The Jnventarey of the Estate of y^e^ sd Ephraim Carpenter is allowed.

Ordred that Tho: Olney Towne Clarke doe forthwith, on

the Councills behalfe receive a bond from Benjamin Carpenter & Simon Smith Exetuors of y^e^ deceased Ephraim Carpenters Estate for theire legall Executing the sd will:

& all so on the Councills behalfe to signe them a letter [**29**] of Administration. /

the meeting is desolved

At a meeting of the Councill Aprill y^e^ 12^f^: 1698. /

John Hardin of Newport hath this day Exhibeted an Jnventarey of y^e^ Estate of his deceased ffather Stephen Hardin of this Towne of Providence, he his sd ffather dieing intested, John Hardin desireing Administration on y^e^ sd Estate;

the said Enventarey hath been Examined, & is by y^e^ Councill allowed, Excepting only one bedd apprised at foure pounds;

Administration on the Estate of the deceased Steven Hardin is granted unto his son John Hardin of Newport, Hee haveing already given in bond to th Councill for the true performance of the same.

Moises Bartlett & Deborah his wife haveing already given in bond to the Councill for the true performance of Administration on y^e^ Estate of y^e^ deceased Abraham Hardin:

The Administration thereof unto them is granted; & the Children of y^e^ sd Abraham Hardin Comitted to their Care. /

Elizabeth Patey appeared before y^e^ Councill, but not haveing yet procured bondsmen, the Councill doe continue her with power of Administration on her deceased husband tho: Pateys Estate untill the Councill Meeteing in may Next. /

the meeting is desolved

At a meeting of the Towne Councill
July y^e^ 12: 1698

This day the Estate & Enventarey of y^e^ deceased Epenetus | Olney | hath been Examined, & the Jnventarey allowed. /

Tho: Olney is this day chosen Clarke of the Towne Councill for this Ensueing yeare,

Ordred by voate of the Councill,

That whereas Mary Olney the widdow of the deceased Epenetus olney & James Olney son of the sd Epenetus olney hath desired to have Administration of the sd Epenetus Olney his Estate, that the sd two persons, shall have Administration of y^e^ sd Estate & it is hereby to them Granted

And that tho: Olney Clerke of the Councill shall on the Councills behalfe take bond of the sd Mary Olney & James Olney her son & on the Councills behalfe signe & seale a letter of Administration to them to impower them to Administer, Major Hopkins & Capt^n^: Dexter haveing promised to be bound with the them to the Councill: /

[**30**] John Wilkeson hath this day Given up to the Councill an account of Edward Smith & his owne actings in theire Administration upon y^e^ Estate of the deceased Josiah Wilkeson And according to the account given in (it haveing been Examined) the account unto this day appeare to be ballanced, saveing only a horse & a mare & a Cow, which the sd Josiah his Widdow desposed of; which price of sd Cattell are by Inventary 5^lb^: 10^s^

At a Councill meeting September the 27^th^: 1698

Whereas there is a Differerence arisen betweene Henry Staceyon the one party & John Wilkeson & Joseph Tucker & his wife, Jo^n^: Wilkeson on the Councills behalfe & sd Tucker & his wife on their owne behalfe on the other party as Concerning wintring a Cow which sd Stacey ought to have done,

& hath not, & also about dung lieing on the farm which sd stacye is upon; which | dung | sd stacey intendeth to Cary away, the whole matter is left by the Councill to Joseph Jenckes sen^{r} to put an Jsshue there unto; if he can in Reason accomplish it

Whereas there is one James Bick & his wife & family Come into our Towne the sd Bick coming from the Towne of Mendon in the Province of the Massachusetts & by purchase of lands the sd Bick hath made himselfe an inhabetant of our towne; & Whereas the said James Bick married a widdow who had severall children which children the sd Bick & his wife brought with them into our Towne; & it so falls that the said Children are in want, that if they are not speedely provided for with cloathing & other nessesaryes they are likely to perrish; & whereas the sd children have Repaared unto their vnkle Jonathan Sprague desireing of him Relief, . whereupon the sd Jonathan Sprague hath this day made applicatation to the majestrates & Councill for their advice & Assistance in the matter; the Councill haveing Considered the buissenes unto them proposed; & makeing some inquirey thereunto; & perceiveing the children to be in want & the sd Bick & his wife haveing been sent unto by the Majestrate (Viz) M^{r} Arnold to appeare before the | authority | to give them some account of the affaire premised, but neither of them have appeared; & theire being a Nessessetye of a present Reliefe for sd children the | Majestrates & | Councill upon Consider|ation | thereof doe advise | sd Jonathan Sprague | (as he is Related to sd Children) not to lett the children suffer; And doe comitt what what power they have as to the matter to them proposet, to the sd Jonathan Sprague to take care & in the most sutablest way

that conveniently he can or that may to him present that so sd children may be reliefed with foode Cloathing & other Nessessaryes. /

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At a meeting of the Towne Councill
Januarey y^e 3^d: 169$\frac{8}{9}$

the Councill haveing Examined the will of y^e deceased tho: Hopkins of Mashantatat in this Towneshipp of Providence; doe find it to be his last will & Testament

Ordred that tho: Olney Clarke of the Councill shall on the Councills behalfe take Bond of Sarah Hopkins Widdow & Exsecutrix of y^e aforesd deceased tho: Hopkins for the true Executeing of y^e sd Will; & on y^e Councills behalfe give her a letter of Administration

the last day of ffebruarey next it is ordred shall be the Councills next meeting,

Ordred that the Clerk of y^e Councill shall Transcribe & upon some publique place set up the Councills order of Prohibition to all persons in our towne for selling drinke by Retale, & none to Retale any Drinke after the last day in ffebruarey next with out licence from the Councill

The order is as followeth;

Whereas for severall yeares past there hath not been any Person within our Towneshipp of Providence or jurisdiction thereof who hath taken Lisence & thereby been impowred to keepe a Publick house of Entertainement, & to Retale drinke by the sale of small quantetyes;

But on the Contrarey many persons have presumed to sell what drinke the please & how they please;

The which practise is Contrarey to the Statute Lawes of

England & to the knowne Lawes of this Colloney, whereby many inconveniencyes & Evill Effects doe Continually Ensue.

The Councill therefore haveing taken the Matter into their Considerations, And for the preventing of future disorders (so far forth as is their Conserne) have Enacted & Ordred, & by these presents doe Enact & order That no person or persons whatsoever | dwelling | or being within the Towneshipp or jurisdiction of our sd Towne of Providence shall after the last day of ffebruarey next ensueing presume to sell any sort of strong drinke by Retale Except he take a lisence so to doe, & give in bond according as the law Requires; That is to say, to sell any Wine, Rum, or Brandy Either of them in less quantetye then one Whole Gallon together or Beere, or Sidar in less quantetyes then sixteene Gallons together or any other sort of strong drinke Contrarye to the lawes; & if any | person or persons | shall presume so to doe; | he shee or | they shall upon Complaynt or information thereof be dealt withall & proceeded against according as the law in such cases Directs;

At a meeting of y^e^ Councill the 6^th^ day of December 1698 Sarah Hopkins of Mashantatut in the Towneshipp of Providence brought in to the Councill her deceased husband thomas hopkins his Will together with the inventarey of his Estate to be Examined & Approoved by the sd Councill, shee being Exsecutrix to y^e^ sd Will, And did before the Councill make Oath that it was the last will & Testament of her sd deceased husband [**32**] the which will beareth date the 20^th^ day of October 1698,

Also Joseph Stafford, Abell Potter & Moises furrman who were Wittneses to y^e^ sd Will appeared the same day before y^e^ Councill & made Oath that they saw the sd thomas Hopkins

signe & seale y^e^ sd will he being then in his perfet & sound Memory

the afore sd Sarah Hopkins also before the Councill upon her Oath declared that shee had brought forth all the Estate of her sd deceased husband tho: Hopkins that she knoweth of to the apprisers.

Roger Burlingham & Joseph Stafford made oath unto the sd Jnventarey as aprisers. /

At a meeting of the Councill
Aprill the 4^th^: 1699: Tuesday;

Whereas the Councill did lease out to Henry Stacey the house & ffarme of the deceased Josiah Wilkeson for a sum terme of yeares as the sd lease doe Express & the fence about the sd Tennem^t^: was by the sd Henry Stacey at the Expiration of the sd terme to be left in good Repare & tennantable; And the sd terme being now Expired & the sd fence is found to be defective; the matter is Referred to Joseph Jenckes jun^r^: to give judgement upon the sd fence as to the sufficiency thereof And the sd Henry Stacey doth Engage that betweene this day & the 11^th^ of this instant Aprill to make up all the said fence about the sd tennemt: good & sufficient according to the judgem^t^ of the sd Joseph Jenckes as to the sufficiencye thereof. /

This day Henry Stacey hath payd 20^lb^. & 3^s^ which was to Answere what the Cattell belonging to the Estate of y^e^ deceased Josiah Wilkeson was prised at & hath Cleared matters in Gennerell as Concerning his lease of the farme & house which the Councill leased to him of the sd Josiah Wilkeson deceased the above sd fence only Excepted

Henry Stacey & Joseph Jenkes their bond concerning the sd lease; the Councill have upon y^e^ receipt of sd money delivered up to the sd Henry Stacey & Joseph Jenkes

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At a meeting of y^e^ Councill December the 12^th^ 1699

This day Steephen Arnold & Elisha Arnold, sons of the deceased Stephen Arnold of Pawtuxett & Exsecutors to the sd deceased Stephen Arnold his will have brought in the sd Will before the Councill desireing the Councill to make a probation of y^e^ Same; & have also brought in an inventarey of the Estate of sd Stephen Arnold deceased, & have both given attestation thereunto upon theire oath

[**33**] the last Will & Testament of Stephen Arnold of Pautuxett in Providence (deceased) was this day Examined & approoved;

Ordred that tho: Olney Clarke of y^e^ Councill Doe on y^e^ Councills behalfe Take bond of Stephen Arnold & Elisha Arnold Exsecutors to the last will & testam^t^: of the deceased Stephen Arnold beareing date y^e^ 2^nd^ day of june 1698. / truely to Execute y^e^ sd will; & to give them a letter of Administration

The meeting is adjorned untill Tuesday the 26^th^ instant,

Tuesday the 26^th^ of December 1699.

the Councill is againe in being.

Whereas Joseph Tucker & Hannah his wife have this day desired an account of the Councill how matters stand betweene the Councill & themselves about the Estate of the deceased Josiah Wilkeson; And in the accounts | maters | being mingled as to the Rents, & the Enventaryed Estate in the disposition

thereof, as they are given in by the Administrator (to the Councill) As namely John Wilkeson, the Councill doe therefore order & appoynt Major William Hopkins to Audit the sd accounts, & to make a seperation of the rent from the other Estate; & in order thereunto, to discourse the sd Administrator John Wilkeson, And Also Joseph Tucker & his wife Hannah as to what hath beenn Paid, & Received, & of them to take an account; And in order thereunto tho: Olney Clerk of the Councill is hereby ordred to let John Wilkeson have those two papers of acounts which he gave in to the Councill of his Administration on sd Estate, & sd John Wilkeson to returne them againe unto sd Tho: Olney the next Councill meeting And that all the sd matter be Effected & brought into the Next Councill Meeteing by Major Hopkins. /

At a meeteing of the Towne Councill
Januarey y^e 23^d 169$\frac{9}{700}$

Whereas at the Councill meeteing the 26 of December 1699 Major William Hopkins was ordred & appoynted by the Councill to audit the accounts Given in by John Wilkeson of the Estate of y^e deceased Josiah Wilkeson, how it hath been disposed, as to what (the widdow left by said Josiah) hath received both of Rent, & also of the mooveable Estate The account the sd major William Hopkins haveing Examined doth this day give in this account concerning the said Estate as followeth (to wit) that the widdow left by the said Josiah Wilkeson hath (together with her now husband Joseph Tucker) Received all the rents of the lands, & Eleven pounds one shilling & foure pence out of the mooveable Estate (as it was Jnventaried) more then the third part thereof, the which

account & returne of y^e^ sd William Hopkins the Councill have allowed.

the meeting is desolved.

At a meeteing of the Councill

ffebruarey the 20^th^: $169\frac{9}{100}$

Whereas Henry Adams hath proposed to the Councill to buy the land in Providence formerly belonging to tho: Waters; but there haveing been som dealeing betweene Gideon Cruffurd & the Councill about the said land, the Councill doe see cause first to discourse the [**34**] said Gideon Cruffurd concerning the the matter before they give answer to the said Henry Adams his proposition

Ordred that Tho: Olney doe on the Councills behalfe discourse Gidion Cruffard Conserning the premises & to make report to the Councill the next Councill meeting of the Effect of the discourse. / & in the meane time to informe the sd Hen. Adams of Cruffurds Answer

this day William Whipple & Mary his wife hath Exhibited a bill of demand of Tenn pounds & 10^s^ new England silver money which the said Mary saith shee comitted into Providence Williams his hand, for to be returned to her againe when she demanded it, But said Providence Williams Dyeing her money is Not yet returned, therefore that some way may be considered that they may receive the same. /

Ordred that Daniell Williams be sent for to Come | now | to the Councill to give them an account of the Estate of Providence Williams which they | formerly | Comitted to his Custody.

Daniell Williams hath this day appeared before the Councill

The Councill Demanded of the said Daniell Williams to give them an account of the Estate of the deceased Providence williams the which the Councill formerly put into his Custody untill further Order: But the said Daniell Williams hath Refused to give the Councill any account of the said Estate; saying that he judged that the Councill hath nothing to doe to take an account of him of the said Estate. /

At a meeting of the Councill March the 19th: $169\frac{9}{700}$

| Voated | Whereas the Towne Councill formerly did agree & bargaine with Gideon Cruffurd that hee should have a Certaine percell of land of about eleven acres lieing in this Towne of Providence, & for the same the said Gidean Cruffurd haveing this day payd into the Councills hands the sum of five pounds in silver money, the Councill doe therefore Order that tho: Olney who is now Clerke of the Councill doe on the Councills behalfe & in their name make & signe a deede of the said land unto the said Gideon Cruffurd to hold the said land by; the which percell of land formerly belonged to one thomas Waters (a Tinker;

the which five poundes of money is Comitted into tho: Olney Clerk of the Councill his Custody to keepe, / till further order

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At a Councill meeting may the 21: 1700

Jn june no Councill mett

At a Councill meeting July ye 16th 1700:

Whereas there is a complaynt made to the Councill by John

thornton that the two sones of the deceased Zachary ffield who are at home with their mother (to witt) Daniel & Joseph are likely to Come to Ruin Except the Councill take some Cource to put them out to masters where they may be well tutored & provided for;

the Councill doe therefore Order that the said Two ladds shall be [**35**] put out apprentices untill they Come to be of 21 yeares of Age & to be bound out by the Councill;

And y^t^ the sd John thornton doe seeke after masters to put them to; & when he hath found persons to take them | then | to make Report thereof to the Councill;

the meeting is desolved. /

[1] At a Towne meeting October the 12^f^ 1700

tho: Olney Moderator

Chosen for Deputyes to serve in Gen^rll^: Assembly to sitt in Providence the last wednesday instant October are Capt^n^: Arthur ffen^r^: Capt^n^: Richard Arnold, Major John Dexter M^r^ Jonathan Sprague. / Leift: Joseph Jenckes,

the meeting is desolved [1]

At a meeting of the Councill

Januarey y^e^ 7^th^: 1700 [1]

the Enventarey of the Estate of John Mathuson who died at Pawtuxet in Providence December the 4^th^: 1700 hath this day been Exhibeted to the Councill, the which inventarey hath been examined & the apprisers Peleg Roades & Elisha Arnold given Attestation by Engagem^t^: thereunto; So also hath Benjamin Carpenter who Exhibited it;

[1] This paragraph is crossed out in the original.

This day Rebeckah Whipple widdow of the deceased John Whipple presented unto the Councill a paper written signed John Whipple & sealed, & foure persons names written on the said paper as witnesses (viz) James Angell Joseph Whipple Richard Waterman & James Browne the which said written paper is by the said Rebeckah whiple widdow said to be the last will & Testament of her late husband y^e^ deceased John Whipple; Shee Exhibiting the same to the Councill for probation; the Councill Called for the said persons, (subscribe|d| as wittnesses) to appeare before the Councill; there appeared only James Angell, Joseph Whipple & Richard Waterman; John Browne appeared not.

The Councill then proceeded to the Examination of those three witnesses; Examining of them singly, & apart, the one not heareing the Examination of the other

[1] James | Angell | being the first which was Examined; & he being engaged, upon his oath declared that | he went to John Whipples house | was sent for to goe to John Whipples where was Captain John Browne of Swansey also there came Joseph Whipple Richard waterman & being there [**36**] John Whipple mentioned that they all might goe into another Roome so John Whipple & Capt^n^ Browne, Joseph Whipple Richard Waterman & himselfe went out of y^t^ Roome which they then were in into another, John Whipple being led along by reson that he was blind; And when they were come into that Roome which was intended there was a paper came forth, the first as he saw of it was in Capt^n^ Brownes hand – [1]

James Angell being the first which was Examined; the said written paper being shewed to him, & he being Engaged;

[1] This paragraph is crossed out in the original.

Vpon his oath declared, that he did signe as a Witnes to a paper which John Whipple said what was written in it was his last will & Testam^{t}: But it was not then Read in | the | testators heareing nor in his the said Angells heareing: for it was not at the time of the | sealeing & | witnessing of it, at all Read; And if ought was Written in it he the sd Angell could not tell what it was, for the paper was dubbled over & Covered so as it could not be seene but only | a little above | where the witnesses set theire names & so downeward it was open: /

Joseph whipple being the next Examined; the said | written | paper being shewed unto him, hee being Engaged, vpon his oath also testefieth, That he did signe as a witness to a paper which John Whipple said what was Written in it Was his last will & Testament; But it was not then read in the Testators heareing, nor in his the said Joseph Whipples heareing; for it was not at all Read at the time of y^{e} sealeing & witnessing of it, And if ought Was Written in it he the said Joseph Whipple could not tell what it was, for the paper was folded over & thereby Covered so as it could not be seene, saveing only a little above where the wittnesses wrot their Names & so downeward it was open;

Richard Waterman being y^{e} next Examined; the said written paper said to be the last Will & Testament of the deceased John Whipple being showed unto him, he being Engaged, vpon his Oath also Testefieth; That he did signe as a Wittness to a paper, which John Whipple said what was Written in it Was his last will & Testament; But it was not then Read in the Testators hearing, nor in his the said Richard Waterma|ns| heareing; for it was not at all Read at the time of the signeing and Witnessing of it; And if ought Was Written

in it, it Was so covered with the folding of the paper over that it could not be seene, saveing only a little above where the witnesses set their hands & so downeward it Was open;

The said James Angell Joseph Whipple & Richard Waterman doe also declare that they doe conclude that the Written paper Which the Councill showed them (said to be John Whipples will) is the paper Which they subscribed as Wittnesses to. /

A Written Paper hath this day by Rebeckah Whipple | Widdow | been presented to the Councill said to be an Jnventarey of John Whipples Estate Who departed this life December y^e^ 15^th^: 1700 subscribed Samuel Whipple Joseph Whipple John Smith: /

Vpon the Reading of the Written & sealed paper, said to be the last will & Testament of the deceased John Whipple; after [**37**] after it was openly & publickley Read in Councill, John Whipple the son, & heire apparent of the late deceased John Whipple hath this day made objections against the said will by a Cavitt against the aprooveing of the same, by reason that it is an Jllegall instrument, & so voyd in law & therefore | it | ought to have no approbation nor allowance he haveing Rendred | his | Reasons for the same before the Councill;

John Whipple haveing thus objected, Rebeckah Whipple (Widdow) hath desired of the Councill to suspend the proceeding in the matters of the said Will for som little time longer that shee may take a little further Consideration Concerning it.

The Councill doe therefore order that the proceedes of matters concerning the said will shall be suspended untill the next

meeteing of the Councill on Tuesday y^e^ 11^th^ of ffebruarey Next. /

The meeting is desolved

At a meeting of the Councill
ffebruarey y^e^ 11^th^: 170$\frac{0}{1}$

Whereas Benjamin Carpenter of Pautuxet in Providence did at y^e^ Councill meeting Januarey the 7^th^: 170$\frac{0}{1}$ Exhibitt an Jnventarey of the Estate of y^e^ deceased John mathuson: who died intested;

The Councill doe | & have | Comited Administration of the sd Estate unto y^e^ sd Benjamin Carpenter; & have Ordred & hereby doe order that Tho: Olney Clerk of y^e^ Councill shall on y^e^ Councills behalfe Grant forth a letter of Administration to sd Benjamin Carpenter & from him on y^e^ Councills behalfe to take Bond. /

This day | there | hath been by Capt^n^ Richard Arnold the will of y^e^ deceased Valentine Whittman who died the 26^th^ of Januarey of 170$\frac{0}{1}$; it being Exhibitted for the Councills probation,

Mary whittman Widdow of the sd deceased Vall: whittman, and Exsecutrix to sd will appeared in Councill & being Examined, declared that shee could testefie nothing to sd will for shee had not y^e^ keepeing of it, nor knowledge of it, but only as shee heard of it by other persons

The said Will was shewne to & Read in the presence of the 3 persons whose names are affixed to it as Witnesses (viz) Richard Arnold, Samuell Wilkenson & Thomas Arnold jun^r^ all of them haveing been Examined upon oath privately & per-

ticular & they all | of | them Testefie that the aforesd Jnstrument Exhibitted for Probation & Called Valentine Whittmans will, is the Will & Testament of said Valentine Whittman & that it was Read unto the sd Valt: whittman in the presence of all them he did then declare unto them that, that was his Will & in theire presence he did signe & seale it for his last Will & Testament;

Whereas at the Councill meeteing the 7th of Januarey last Rebeckah Whipple (Widdow) did desire of the Councill that their proceedes in any further matter as to the Written paper Called by her the last Will of her late deceased husband John Whipple might for some time be suspended that shee might further Consider & better prepare herselfe to Answere some objections made against the sd will, & also obtaine Captn John Browne of Swansey who is a wittnes to sd will to be present with the Councill; the which Request of hers was Granted by the Councill untill this day of our meeteing;

But this day the sd [**38**] said John Browne being Called for to Come into the Councill to give testemoney unto the sd Will (so called) but the said John Browne appeared not; Rebeckah whipple then alledged that the Weather prevented him that he could not come; & that shee Expected a man from the Island to have been at the Councill to speake on her behalfe, but hath also by ye Weather been prevented; and therefore doth desire some further suspention of the matter by a little longer time given; The Councill doe therefore Order that the proceeding in the matter of the sd pretended Will shall be suspended untill our Next Meeting on the 11th day of March next; And then to goe forward with the same. /

The meeting is desolved. /

At a Councill meeteing March the Eleventh $170\frac{9}{1}$

The last Will & Testam^{t} of Vallentine Whittman | deceased | beareing date Januarey y^{e} 13^{th}: $170\frac{9}{1}$ hath this day been Examined & is by the Councill approoved; & the Jnventarey of the Estate of the said Valentine Whittman taken & made the 15^{th} day of ffebruarey $170\frac{9}{1}$ hath also this day been Examined & accepted:

Ordred by y^{e} Councill, that, Tho: Olney Clarke of y^{e} Councill doe on y^{e} Councill behalfe give a letter | of Administration | to Mary Whittman Widdow & Exsecutor to the last Will & Testament of y^{e} aforesd Valentine Whittman & of her to take bond: /

This day Capt^{n} John Browne of Swansey appeared before the Councill & he being by the Councill inquired of & Examined whether he was a Witness to any Will made by the deceased John Whipple he answered he was, then the Written paper Which Rebeckah Whipple (Widdow) presented to the Towne Councill for a Probate, as her deceased husband | John Whipples | last Will & Testament Januarey y^{e} 7^{th}: $170\frac{9}{1}$: was shewed him; the same he read, & when he had read it, he was then deposited & upon his Oath did declare that hee Wrot that Writeing at the request of John Whipple, & when he had wrot the same he read it unto him; & John Whipple owned it to be his last Will & Testament; but at the time when it was signed & sealed it was not Read unto him, nor was not at all read in the presence of the Wittnesses while John Whipple & they were together, (but it was read to him some time before;) At the signeing & sealeing of it John Whipple only told the witnesses that; that was his last will & Testament & then in theire presence signed and sealed it, &

the Witnesses signed to it also as witnesses, he the said John Browne being one of them.

The meeting is adjorned unto tomorrow morning, the 12 instant. /

March y^e 12: 170$\frac{0}{1}$

The Councill is againe in being.

This day y^e Councill have againe been upon the Consideration of the Written paper Which Rebeckah Whipple (Widdow) did upon y^e 7^th day of Januarey last Exhibit to the Councill as the last Will & Testament of her deceased husband John whipple, desireing a Probat thereof; some adjetations have been upon the same, but have not come [**39**] to any Conclusion as to it; but doe yet Reffer the matter to a further Consideration to our next Councill meetting on Tuesday the 8^th of Aprill next. /

The meeteing is desolved. /

Aprill the Eighth 1701

at a Councill meteing the Which is now setled & in being;

Whereas the last will & Jnventarey of the Deceased Silas Carpenter beareing date the two & Twentieth day of December Anno Domini 1695 was soone after the death of the Testator Exhibetated to the Towne Councill for a Probate & hath Ever since laine in the office but matters never haveing been untill now made made cleare for a Probate thereof; But now the Executrix haveing appeared & made oath to said Will & also to the Jnven|tarey | of the said Silas Carpenter his Estate; & the Witneses to the sd Jnventarey have made Oath thereupon; & Also Timothy Carpenter & Benjamin Carpenter have made oath as witnesses to the sd will haveing been thoroughly Examined | the Councill | Doe hereby declare the sd

will to be approoved of & is allowed by the Councill, the said Enventarey being also Examined the Counci|ll| see not Cause to object against it,

Ordred by the Councill that Tho: Olney Clark of the Councill doe on the Councills behalfe take Bond of Sarah Carpenter Widdow for the performance of her deceased husband Silas Carpen|ter| his | last | will, & one the Councills behalfe to Grant her a letter of Administration;

Whereas Rebe|c|kah whipple widdow & late wife of the deceased John Whipple did upon the 7th day of Januarey last past Exhibit a Written paper unto the Councill the Which was signed John whipple & sealed, & foure persones names subscribed as Witnesses, & said by the said Rebeck Whipple to be her said deceased husband his last Will and Testament, shee desireing of the Councill, a Probate of the sd Written Paper as her said husbands will, the sd | Written paper | being Read openly in the Councill John Whipple son of the sd deceased John whipple made objection against the Probate of the said will | he | presenting his objections & Reasons before the Councill Why the said will ought not to be approved and allowed of, the Councill then tooke the matter into Consideration & searched into the lawes Concerning the Probat of Wills, & unto the directions given in the lawes attended, all the Wittnesses Were privately Examined appart; & well weighed as to the vallidity of thei|r| testemonies;

The Coun|cill| adjourning from time to time to the End that both partyes oposeing Each other might have time & opportunitye to declare themselves to informe their Counci|ll| What they Could say Pro, or Con; all Which the Councill hath duely Considered, & Well Weighed the Valliditye thereof;

but finding by due Examination that the said Written paper Called the last [**40**] Will & Testament of the said deceased John Whipple hath not been Propegated according as the law Requires, he the said John Whipple being blind & the Will not being to him Read in the presence of the Witneses at the time of the subscription, & also twoo witnesses before the Councill testefieing that the said John Whipple as to the said will it was not his mind but as he was Constrained theire unto; the Councill haveing so Considered & weighed as aforesd doe by these presents declare the said Will to be wholy invalied & null in the law;

The testamone of John Hartshorne as followeth,

John Hartshorne aged 50 yeares or there abouts Testefieth that some time about the midle of the summer in the yeare 1700, he being upon ocation at the house of John whipple; John whipple being then blind; And it so fell that for some part of the Time whilst he was there, no body was in the house save only John Whipple & this deponant; And this deponant saith that he fell in discourse with sd John Whipple as Concerning the Will which he heard that he y^{e} sd John whipple had Made how that he heard by it disinhereted his son; & thought it strange that haveing but one Son that he should so doe; The said John whipple replyed; He could not helpe the doeing as had done; for he was now blind, & he must doe as others would have him doe for he could not helpe himselfe; & as for his will & desire it was to have done for his son, & to have holpen him, but as his Condition was he could not doe as he would, but as others would have it, or Else there would be no liveing for him; then this deponant Replied that if it be your will to disinherit your son then so it must be;

but John whipple answered No, No, that is not my desire for I would willingly helpe him if I Could

Taken upon oath before the Majestrates & Councill Aprill the 8th 1701.

The Testamoney of William Hoare aged 38 yeares or thereabouts as followeth, He Testefieth,

That upon a time in the latter End of the summer in the yeare 1700; about September or October, he was at John whipples house, & there being no person there then but John whipple & the said william Hoare, he then told John whipple that he heard that he had made his will & if it were true as he heard he said he thought that he had dealt very hardly by his son John in disposeing of his Estate as he had done;

John Whipple then made Answer & said, ffriend William you know how it is with me, & for quietnes sake I must doe as well as I may; but if John looke well to his buisenes he may find such a gapp open that he may helpe himselfe.

Aprill the 8th: 1701 taken upon Oath before the Majestrates & Councill; the [**41**]

The meeting is adjorned unto tuesday ye 15th instant

Aprill ye 15th 1701
the Councill is againe in being

Jt is voated by the Councill that Rebeckah whipple widdow of the deceased John whipple be sent for to appeare before the Councill to take Administration on her sd deceased husband his Estate. /

Rebekah whipple (widdow of the deceased John Whipple) hath upon the notice to her given appeared before the Councill & hath manifested herselfe to be willing to take administration on the Estate of her sd deceased husband John whipple. /

Ordred by the Councill that the Granting forth a letter of Administration unto Rebekah whipple to Administer on the Estate of her deceased husband John whiple & the takeing bond of her for the true performance of y^e^ same, is referred unto Tuesday y^e^ 29^th^ instant.

The Councill is Adjorned untill Tuesday the 29^th^ instant: /

Aprill the 29^th^ 1701

There was only 4 persons appeared & so no Councill

May the 6^th^ 1701

The Councill is mett & in being

Where as Rebekah whipple appeared this day before the Councill the Councill Requireing bond of her that shee might Administer on the Estate of her deceased husband John whipple: shee desireth of the Councill to grant her about 14 dayes time to procure a ma|n| for at present cannot Readely attaine one;

The Councill have granted her request, And doe hereby order & Appoynt tho Olney Clark of y^e^ Councill to take bond of her to y^e^ Councill & on the Councill behalfe to signe & seale a letter of Administration to her, And that Nathaniell waterman & sd Tho: Olney shall judge of y^e^ sufficiencye of y^e^ bondsman, & as they doe dertimin the Councill shall accept. /

At a meeting of the Councill Called by Warrant | & met |
July y^e^ first 1701

Whereas the Estate of the deceased John whipple lieth yet undevided & a devision by the persons in it concerned is called for & have appoynted & detirmined to attend the matter at the house of the deceased John whipple in this Town|e| of

Providence | the 14 instant | the Councill doe therefore order & appoyn|t| & | impower | M^r Joseph Williams Assistant & Major W^m: Hopkins Assistn^t on their | the said Councills | behalfe to Repaire to the said John whipple house on the said day & there to looke after the said Estate & Require all persons in whose handes it is the same to bring forth & to make or see a devision of the said Estate made according as the law Requires that that so Each person in said Estate Conserned may Receive their part that Each person unto |w|home the said Estate belongs may be in a Cappacitye to improve What is theire | due | & the said two persons to Give an account to the Coun|cill| of their proceedes therein, —

At a meteing of y^e Councill September y^e 16^th: 1701: Called by Warrant. /

Rebekah whipple widdow this day appeared before the Councill & proposed to y^e Councill that the debts of her deceased husband | John whipple | (which to him were due,) might [**42**] might be looked after & gathered in;

The Councill then demanded of her the booke of accounts which belonged unto her sd deceased husband John whipple, that so accounts might be made up with people, that they might there by know what debts were due to y^e Estate, & from whome; Shee then promised that shee would Either bring or send the sd booke to the Councill at their nex sitting.

Patience Aldridge, Widdow of y^e deceased Joseph Aldridge of this Towne of Providence; This day proposed unto y^e Councill for a settlement of her sd deceased husband his Estate, & withall delivered in an Jnventarey of his Estate.

And also her son Joseph Aldridge delivered in unto the

Councill a written instrument signed with his ffather the aforesd deceased Joseph Aldridge his name, & sealed; & also signed with his owne name (who delivered in the paper) & sealed; which sd instrument Contained a disposition of the said deceased Joseph Aldridge his Estate, how & on what Conditions it was disposed.

Samuell winsor & Edward Haukins appeared this day before y^e^ Councill, & on their Engagem^t^ Attested to the Jnventarey of y^e^ Estate of y^e^ sd deceased Joseph Aldridge as apprisers;

The meeting is Adjorned unto Tuesday y^e^ 14 of October Next.

October y^e^ 14^th^ being Tuesday 1701

The Councill is againe in being by adjornement from September y^e^ 16^th^ last past

Benjamin Thornton this day appeared before the Councill & upon his Engagent gave | attestation | to the Jnventarey of y^e^ Estate of y^e^ deceased Joseph aldridge;

Samuell Bartlett this day before the Towne Councill of Providence gave attestation as he was a wittnes to an instrument of the disposition of y^e^ Estate of Joseph Aldridge deceased; beareing date y^e^ 26, of june 1701.

Samuell winsor this day Came before the Councill & he also as wittnes gave attestation to y^e^ aforesd instrument. /

Joseph Aldridg the son of the deceased Joseph Aldridge hath Engaged before the Councill to give in bond of sixty pounds Currant Silver money to pay & discharge all due debts which are due from his said deceased fathers Estate to any persons, & also to maintaine his mother with a Comfortable & sutable maintenance duereing her naturall life & to keepe the Towne of Providence Wholy free from all Charge as to his mothers maintenance at all times dureing her life;

And | the Councill | doe order Tho: Olney Clerk of y^e^ Councill on the Councills behalfe to take bond of him for the same;

Whereas Rebekah whipple (widdow of y^e^ deceased John whipple | hath | not this day according to her promise to y^e^ Councill sent in nor delivered up to the councill the [**43**] boke of accounts of her sd deceased husband John whipples debts to him due; the Councill doe therefore hereby order that Tho: Olney Clerk of y^e^ Councill doe on the Councills behalfe | set up a writeing on some publick place | to forbid all persons makeing up of any accounts with sd Rebekah whipple as concerning any debts due to y^e^ Estate of sd John Whipple, or to pay any debts to her which are to y^e^ sd Estate due least the Councill doe againe Recover the sd debts of them & to make proclamation to all Creaditors to Come in to the Councill & make demand in season.

Whereas Joseph Aldridg hath Engaged to y^e^ Councill to discharge & pay all his deceased father Joseph Aldridge his debts; The Councill have therefore agreed, that the said Joseph Aldredge shall have power & hereby is by the Councill fully impowred as Administrator | on his sd fathers Estate | to aske, demand, Recover, & Receive all debts from any person due to y^e^ said deceased Joseph Aldridge his Estate; & to give an account of his actings therein to y^e^ Councill when required

[1] And further, it is ordred that Tho: Olney Clerk of the Council, shall, on y^e^ Councills behalfe take bond of the sd Joseph Aldridge for his legall Administeration on y^e^ Estate of his sd deceased ffather & a just & legall distribution thereof, And upon bond so given, then on the Councills behalfe, & in

[1] This paragraph is crossed out in the original.

theire name, to signe a letter of Administeration to y^e^ said Joseph Aldridge to impower him to Administer on his sd deceased ffather his Estate. | so passed. |[1]

The meeting is desolved. /

At a Councill meeteing march y^e^ 10^th^; 170½. /

Whereas Jo^n^. Wilkeson hath this day made Complaint unto y^e^ Councill Concerning Joseph Tuckers as to wast that he makes on y^e^ farme he lives on by letting it Runn to Ruin, & not only the farme but also the house; And that he hath sold severall horse kind belonging to y^e^ Estate of y^e^ deceased Josiah Wilkeson; As also that the child of y^e^ sd Josias wilkeson is in a suffering Condition for want of Cloathing,

The Councill in Consideration thereof doe by these presents order that the said Joseph Tucker shall be sumoned in before y^e^ Councill at their next sitting to appeare, to Answere to y^e^ premises. /

This day m^r^ Gideon Cruffurd Chargeth the Estate of y^e^ deceased Jo^n^: whipple debt^r^ to him 17^s^: 6^d^. & also more 10^lb^.,

And also on m^r^ Brentons account 32^lh^ for 8 yeares Rent,

This day Grace Kelley widdow of the deceased John Kelley (who died the 10^th^ of Januarey 170½) brought in y^e^ Estate of her said deceased husband, in an Jnventarey & on her Engagement declared the sd Enventarey Contained all y^e^ Estate of her sd husband before the Councill, & y^e^ sd Enventarey hath been Examined; & allow|ed|

The Inventarey of y^e^ deceased Anne Knight her Estate who died Januarey y^e^ 11^th^ 170½, this day hath been by the Councill Examined, & allowed

the meeting is adjorned unto tuesday y^e^ 24^th^: instant;

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[**44**] Tuesday March the 24th 170½

The | Councill | meeteing is againe in being, by adjornement from ye 10th instant. /

Joseph Tucker hath this day appeared before the Councill And the account that he giveth to the Councill as Concerning the horse kind that he hath disposed of (which belonged to ye Estate of ye deceased Josiah Wilkeson) is one old maare sold for 18s, & a horse coult of betweene 2 & three yeares old sold for 45s,

And a young mare which he gave to his son Robe't Tucker, which the Councill doe judge could not be worth less then 20s,. There is also a horse which which is Concluded to belong to the Estate of the said deceased Josiah Wilkeson was with ye said Joseph Tucker his order or allowance taken by Robert Tucker & sold to Joseph whipple, & is now in the said Joseph whipples hands, &c

The Councill doe order that the matte Concerning Joseph Tucker, shall be & is Referred unto the councills next meeting on ye Tuesday the 14th of Aprill next & then for him to appeare before the Councill to give bond for what from him is due to the Estate of the deceased Josiah Wilkeson;

Whereas John Kelley who was Resident in this Towne of Providence, and here died, And dieing intested his Estate fell to be at the ordring & dispose of ye Towne Councill to to act & doe therewith according as the law in such cases Requires;

And whereas the Councill hath tendred the Administeration of the said Estate unto the Widdow of the sd John Kelley, But shee refuseing to take Administeration thereof; the Councill have nominated, Appoynted & fully impowered Pardon Tillinghast, Jonathan Sprague & James Browne, And by this

act doe nominate appoynt & fully impower the sd Pardon Tillinghast, Jonathan Sprague & James Browne to take the Estate of the sd deceased John Kelley into their hands, And on the Councills behalfe to Adminester, act & doe in their sd Administration their on in all poynts according as the law in such cases, doth direct, & to give up the|ir| account of their acting therein unto the Councill from time to time when & as they doe or have performed their Administration; And that Proclamations by them on the Councills behalfe under the Clark of the Councills hand be set up on some publicke place according as the law requires to give notice unto all Creaditors to Come in to the Councill, or some one or other of the aforesd persons & give in what their Creadit is within the time as the law Requires. /

Joseph Aldridge hath this day Engaged to the Councill to come to the Councill at their next sitting, & to them give in Bond under his hand & seale, As concerning his deceased ffather Joseph Aldridge his Estate; According to the Tennure & purport of what he Engaged to the Councill at their meeteing October y^e^ 14^th^: 1701.

The meeteing is Adjorned unto Tuesday y^e^ 14^th^ of Aprill next

[45] Aprill y^e^ 14^th^: 1702

The Councill is againe in being by adjornment from Tuesday march y^e^ 24^th^: 170½

This day Joseph Aldridge hath this day given bond to the Councill to secure the Towne from all cha|r|ge as to his mothers maintenance;

This day Elizabeth Patey hath laide downe her Administeratorshipp as to y^e^ Estate of her deceased husband Tho:

Patey, And her son Benjamin Beere is by the Councill put in Administrator in her Roome & place, /

At a meeting of the Councill June the 23^{d}: 1702. Calle|d| by Warrant; where as there are orders from the Govern^{r}: to make Proclamation of her Majesty Queene Ann, the Councill are put upon it to give way, And doe adj|o|rne their meeting unto Tuesday the 30th instant;

The Councill meeteing is againe in being june the 30th: 1702, by adjornement from the 23^{d}: instant;

At a meeting of y^{e} Councill
march y^{e} 9th: 170$\frac{2}{3}$

This day Hannah Browne, widdow, & late wife of the deceased Henry Browne of this Town of Providence And Executrix to y^{e} last will & testament of her said Deceased husband Henry Browne, hath Exhibitated the said will & testament to the Councill for Examination & for theire aprobation thereof; The said Hannah Browne hath also together with the said will, Exhibitted an Jnventary of y^{e} Estate of her said deceased husband, for Examination & Allowance thereof;

The will of Henry Browne (deceased) beareing date the 22nd day of September 1698, Exhibitted to the Councill by his widdow & Executrix Hannah Browne, hath this day been Examined, & is by the Councill approoved to be his last will & Testament; And also the Jnventarey of y^{e} said Henry Browne his Estate Exhibitted by y^{e} said Hannah Browne hath this day been Examined, & is by y^{e} Councill Allowed;

Ordred that Tho: Olney Clerk of the Councill doe on the Councills behalfe signe & seale a letter of Administration to Hannah Browne, Executrix to the last will & Testament of her late decease[ ] husband Henry Browne; for her further Power to Administer on his Estate. / —

The meeting is desolved. /

At a meeting of the Councill July the 9th: 1703:

Whereas there was formerly some moneys which was by the Towne Councill Received of Gideon Cruffurd for and as payment for land in our towne of Providence, which did belong unto Thomas Waters, a Tinkor which formerly was Resident in said Towne; the which mony was by the said Councill Comitted unto Thomas Olney, being one of ye Councill) his Custody, untill further Order,

And whereas Anne waters widdow to the said Thomas waters is now fallen into wast & likely to be the townes Carge, the Councill doe now Order the said Thomas Olney to deliver the said money (all which he so received, which as by sd Councill | was | Comitted to his Custody; into the hands of Pardon Tillinghast of sd Providence Towne Treasurer, there to remaine for the Reliefe of said Anne waters from time | to time | as occation Requires,

Jn delivering of sd money as aforesd shall be the said Thomas Olney his | full | discharge. /

The aforesaid monies so Comitted as aforesaid is the just sum of five Pounds: /

The meeting is adjorned to friday ye 16th instant: /

[**46**] At a meeting of the Councill July ye 16th: 1703 by adjornment from Instant July ye 9th day;

At a meeting of y^e^ Councill November y^e^ 5^th^: 1703

Whereas Capt^n^ Arthur ffenner of this Towne of Providence departed this life, October the 10^th^: 1703; his two Sons (to witt) Tho: ffen^r^: & Arthur ffen^r^: his Nominated Executors, have this day Exhibited to y^e^ Councill a written Paper Containeing the last will & Testament of their | deceased | ffather the sd Capt^n^: Arthur ffenner, desireing the Councills Examination & Probation thereof, And also together with sd will, an Jnventary of his Estate, But by Reason that y^e^ wittnesses to y^e^ will were not p^r^sent, & the Jnventary not fully perfected, the proceeds concerning them are suspended untill the next sitting of y^e^ Councill.

The Councill is adjorned unto friday the 12^f^ instant. /

November the 12^f^, 1703, The Councillis againe in being,

The last will & Testament of Arthur ffenner of this Towne of Providence beareing date the Twenty seventh day of Agust 1703; hath this day been Examined; & is by the Councill approoved;

The Inventarey of his Estate by his Executors hath also been Exhibetted to the Councill & hath also been Examined & allowed. /

Ordred that Tho: Olney Clerk of the Councill doe on the Councills behalfe take bond of Tho: ffenner & Arthur ffenner Executors to the last will & Testament of their father Capt^n^. Arthur ffenner (deceased) for the true Executeing & Performance of y^e^ trust to them Comitted in said will. And also that the sd Tho: Olney Clerk of the Councill doe on the Councills behalfe signe & seale them a letter of Administration to impower them the same to performe:

The meeting is desolved. /

At a meeting of the Council December the 17th: 1703: /

This day the Widdow Anphillis whipple wiwiddow of noah whipple of the Towne of Providence who died the 10th day of November 1703; Exhibitted to the Councill an Jnventary of her said late husband the deceased Noah whipple, his Moveable Estate; the which Jnventary was upon the 1st day of december 1703 taken & made by Samuell whipple junr & Edward Smith;

This day the aforesaid Jnventary of the Moveable Estate of the aforesaid deceased Noah whipple hath by the Councill been Examined, & by them allowed,

The Councill doe Grant Administration on the Estate of the said deceased Noah Whipple unto Samuell Whipple Senior & Edward Smith, & doe also appoynt the said Samuell Whipple & the sd said Edward Smith to be Gardians to the heir of the sd Noah whipple; to have the ward shipp of said heir & also of his lands to order & dispose the same to the best advantage as to the Profitts thereof according as the law in such Cases Requires,

Ordred that Tho: Olney Clerk of the Councill doe on the Councills behalfe take bond of Samuell Whipple senr: & Edward Smith for the legall performance of Administration on the Estate of the aforesd deceased Noah Whipple; as also for the legall performance of the wardshipp of the heir & his lands, And also for the sd Tho: Olney on the Councill behalfe to give a letter of Administration on ye sd deceased Noah Whipple his Estate & power of wardshipp of the heir & his lands unto the said Samuell whipple & Edward Smith. /

The meeting is desolved. /

At a meeteing of the Councill ffebruarey the 2nd 170¾

This meeteing was Called to take an account of Benjamin Beeres as to his Administration on the Estate of the deceased Tho: Patey, but he not being fitted to give up an account at present, the Councill doe allow him time untill the 1st day of march next to make preparation;

The meeteing is adjorned unto wednesday the first of March Next, /

Wednesday March ye 1st: 170¾

The meteing is againe in being by adjornement from ffebruary the 2nd 170¾

This day Benjamin Beer gave up an account to the Councill of his Administration upon the estate of the deceased Tho: Patey; And by his account it appeared that he had disburst out of the sd Patyes Estate by paying so many of sd Pateys debts as he had already Paid, the sum of 65lb – 03s – 10d; And that there is of the sd Tho: Pateys Estate yet Remaineing in his hand the sum of 12lb – 16s – 5d; And that there is yet due from Ben: Sabin of New Roxbery to sd Tho: Pateys Estate the sum of 7s – 6d: /

The Councill have allowed the sd Benjamin Beeres, his sd accounts. /

[47] At a meeting of the Councill Aprill the 12f: 1704:

This day the last Will & Testament of | the deceased | Benjamin whipple beareing date the ninth day of March, Annoqe Domini one thousand Seven hundred & three: 170¾: was by the Councill Examined & approved; this day,

The Jnventary of the Estate of the deceased Benjamin Whipple who died marth the 11th: 170¾ hath this day by the Councill been Examined & Allowed,

Jt is Ordred that Tho: Olney Clerk of the Councill doe on the Councills behalfe Receive a bond from Ruth Whipple Widdow of the deceased Benjamin Whipple, & Executrix to his last will & Testament, for the true performance of sd will, & upon the Recept of sd Bond, then on the Councills behalfe & in their name the sd Tho: Olney Clerk of the Councill to give forth unto sd Executrix a letter of Administration for the Executeing sd will. /

Whereas there some time since was a person inhabeted our Towne of Providence who Called himselfe by the name of Thomas Patey & some time dwelt in our said towne, & by that name in our sd Towne Purchased severall lands, & propagated other Estate as Goods, Cattell, & Chattells;

But some yeares since it so fell with him that he was drownded; & after his death no will Could be found of any disposition of his Estate; Whereby his Moveable goods cattell & Chattell (by the law) fell to the care of the Towne Councill to order & dispose concerning the same, according as the law in such Cases doth direct; And in order thereunto the Councill did Proceede, imploying (for some time) the Widdow of the said deceased person in the Administration on sd Councills behalfe to look after sd | estate | & pay sd Pateys debts, & to give up her accounts from time to time to the Councill as to sd Administration; But the sd Widdow growing uncapable any longer to be Exercised in the sd imploy, the Councill did then improve her son Benjamin Beeres (on their behalfe) in y^{e} sd Administration to looke after sd Moveable Estate, & to Pay what debts were due from sd Person called Thomas Patey to any Person, & to Receive all debts due from any person to sd Patey; And from time to

time to render y^e^ Councill an account of his actings therein; But the Councill heareing of a report that the sd Benjamin Beeres had presumed to make | a | sale of some of the lands belonging to the sd person who called himselfe Thomas Patey, upon which Report the Councill caused the said Benjamin Beers to Come before them, the Councill Examining of him, he then did Confess that he had sold a percell of land which | formerly | belonged to Thomas Patey, & that he had sold it to Gideon Cruffurd, & that he had signed & sealed him a deede of it;

The Councill then Caused Gidion Cruffurd to Come before them; Gideon Cruffurd being Examined wheither Benjamin Beers had sold him any lands which belonged formerly to Tho: Patey, he answered that Ben: Beers & he had been discourseing some such thing; it was demanded of him wheither Ben: Beers had not signed & sealed & delivered unto him a deede of lands belonging to Tho: Patey, he answered that he had Received a written Paper from Ben Beers of such lands; the Councill then demanded that Paper of said Cruffurd, he then sent for it & delivered it to the Councill; the which sd written paper was a deed of Sale, signed sealed from Ben: Beers to Gideon Crufurd; in which was Contained a Sale to Gideon Cruffurd of one quarter Part of the Right of land or share of Comon which formerly belonged unto John Joanes, & also twenty five acres of land laid out | unto | Tho: Patey upon the Rights of John Joanes & George Way; the which deede beares date Anno: One thousand seven hundred & foure the said deede being Read openly in the audiance of all the People there present, Jt was then demanded of Ben: Beers wheither that was the deed which he signed sealed and

delivered to Gideon Cruffurd, he answered, that deede he signed sealed & delivered unto Gidion Cruffurd; & that he had not signed to any other of that Nature; Jt being then demanded of Gideon Cruffurd whether he had not some other writeing or deede from Ben Beere of sd Patyes lands; his answere is no, he received no other but only that, / The Councill then demand & Required of Ben: Beers to deliver up unto Tho: Olney Clerk of the Councill all the deedes & & writeings which belonged unto sd tho: Patey, & to doe it speedely, he answered, that he would speedely doe it;

And whereas when a person dieth intested his Moveable Estate, by law falls to the Care of the ordinary thereon to Administer according as the law directs; And although lands doe not so proper fall into care of the Ordinarey, but to the Gardian of the heire (if the heire be in his minority:) but when theire is lands & no heire Comes directly forth to take care concerning them it behooves the authoritye to take that Care of such lands that, they may not be imbazel'd & that the heir may not be defrauded thereof;

And whereas the statute doth provide that when a father dying doth not by will Comit his child under wardshipp to any person that then the Ordinary shall appoynt them Gardians (that is to take the Tuision of them, & Care of Ordering of their lands for their proffitts) And seeing that the ordinary hath that Power Comitted to him as to wardshipps in such Cases, its not unlikely but that it may be Expected that where lands is left, & no person Emediatly directly [**48**] appeareing as heire theire unto, that then the Ordinary should take Care that such lands may not be disposed of nor imbazeled so as that the heir should any wayes be defeated; for there is no lands but hath an heir;

And whereas | the | Person Called Thomas Patey who was an inhabitant in our Towne of Providence, died intested, & died possessed of severall lands, & his Estate falling to the Care of the Councill according as the law directs in such Cases; And some Persons haveing been so Presumptious & insolent as to attempt the selling & buying som of sd land which sd Patey died possed of, whereby the heire might have been defeated thereof had not the Councill taken Care for the preventing of the same; And least further attempts by the same persons, or by any other, persons as to the same matter should be made & propagated; the Councill doe hereby order & it | is | by the Councill hereby Ordred that Tho: Olney Clerk of the Councill doe speedely on the Councills behalfe, & in their Name set up a Prohibition in Writeing in some Publicke place in our Towne to forbid all persons selling & buying any of those lands which sd Patey died Possessed of;

The Coppie of the Prohibition to forbidd the selling of Tho: Patey's lands; the which was on the Councills behalfe subscribed by Tho: Olney Clerk of y^e^ Councill, & was set up upon a publike place in this Towne; is as followeth. /

Whereas there was a Person Called Thomas Patey who was an inhabetant in our Towne of Providence, died intested, & died Possessed of severall lands; And the Estate falling to the Care of the Councill according as the law in such Cases directs; And some Persons haveing been so presumptious & insolent as to attempt the selling, & buying some of said lands which sd Patey died Possessed of, whereby the heir might nave been defeated of, had not the Councill taken Care for the Preventing of the Same; And least any Persons should yet be so bold & Presumptious as to attempt & Propegate the

like designe; The Towne Councill of Providence Doth hereby forewarne & forbidd all & Every Person & Persons, for Bargaineing, selling, & buying any of those lands or Tennements whatsoever which y^e^ sd Person called Thomas Patey died possessed of, as they will Answere the Contrary at such Rates as the law will aford them. /

By the Towne Councill of Providence
At a Councill meeteing Tho: Olney Clerk of the Councill. /
Aprill y^e^ 12^f^: 1704. /

At a Meeting of the Councill
June the 12^th^: 1705./

This day there was a written Paper Signed & sealed presented to the Councill to be approoved to be the last will & Testament of Joseph Aldride deceased, died in Providence unto where he in his life time belonged & died Aprill y^e^ 24^th^ 1705: & also an Jnventarey of his Estate presented, both by Samuell Aldridge;

The witneses to the said Joseph Aldridg (deceased) | his will | not being presant the Councill Cannot at presant pro ceede farther to an Examination thereof, but forasmuch as the Executor mentioned & nominated in sd will is a child & not Capable to Administer on sd Estate the Councill are thereby Constrained to put in an Administrator to Administer thereon & the same to take Care about; the Person whome the Councill hath appoynted for A Administrator is Sam^ll^: Aldridge; Samuell Aldridge hath accepted thereof; the sd Sam^ll^: Aldridge | is | Brother of the deceased Joseph Aldridge,

The Councill meeting is adjorned unto Tuesday the 3^d^ of July next;

The meeting is againe in being
Tuesday July y^e 3^d 1705 by adjornem^t: from June the 12^th: last past.

Edward Haukins jun^r, David Evens & Samuell Steere this day appeared before the Majestrats & Councill & | as witneses | made oath to what was presented to the Councill in Writeing as the last will & Testament of the late deceased Joseph Aldridge; (upon June y^e 12^f last, presented:) Whereas [**49**] Whereas there at presant hath some ocation fallen out to take some matter into Consideration concerning the Widdow Patience Aldridge, And her son Ephraim Aldridge he haveing been discoursed Concerning her as to her maintenance, the sd Ephraim Aldridge haveing his sd Mothe in his Care & providing for, hath signified unto the Councill | that he will | take care of his sd Mother & provide for her for meat drinke Cloathing & all other necessessaryes as her Condition may any Wayes Requi|re| during the | whole | terme of her Naturall life; And that hee shall be allowed all those moveables or to say Moveable Estat which was his ffathers & which is now in his hand & also the vse of What was his ffathers land untill, his Brother Joseph his son who is to inherit it ataines to | lawfull | age the same to inherit; And for the performeance of his aforesd Engagement for the maintenance of his sd Mother & to Keepe the Towne of Providence indemnified as Concerneing the Trouble & maintenance of his sd Mother at any time he hath Engaged this day to the Councill to Give unto them a bond wherein he will bind himself & his in Sixty pounds bond Currant | money | ; & for security thereof | to bind | his lands Goods & Cattle | & Chattells | & to give in sd bond the next Councill Meeteing.

The meeteing is adjorned unto ffriday the 13^th instant

The Councill is againe in being by adjornement from y^e^ 3^d^ instant, now july the 13^th^: 1705; being friday;

Whereas Ephraim Aldridge of this Towne of Providence hath this day declared unto the Councill that his Brother Joseph Aldridge (who is Now deceased) & he the sd Ephraim Aldridge did in the day of his Brother make an Agreement Each with the other that he the said Ephraim Aldridge should take the Care of their Mother Patience Aldridge & her to Provide for & maintataine during the whole terme of her Naturall life, the which said agreement was Written, & by his sd Brother & himselfe subscribed, & witneses thereunto subscribed; The which written Agreement was by his sd Brother & himselfe Comitted into the hands of John Hawkings of Wyunkeake for Custody; And to give further asuerance for the Maintenance of his sd mother for & dueiring the whole term of her naturall life, the sd Ephraim Aldridge hath this day, (of his owne free will given in bond to the Councill; yet Notwithstanding,) for as much as his said Brother Joseph Aldridge did in his life time give bond to the Councill for his sd Mothers maintainance the Councill doe not see Cause to Reverse the bond given by sd Joseph Aldridge, but that it may also Remaine in force, & take place as Ocation my Require;

Whereas Joseph Aldridge of the Towne of Providence in the Colloney of Rhode Island & Providence Plantations in New England; departed this life on the 24^th^ day of Aprill Anno: 1705, And leaveing a written Will behind him beareing date the first day of May 1704, wherein it is Exprest how he disposeth of his Estate;

first he gives unto Mary his wife the Vse of all his lands &

Moveables then in his present possession, and after the decease of his Mother Patience Aldridge to be in her Present together with all his household goods, debts, & Moveable Effects duireing her Naturall life, Provided Shee pay all Debts;

The Councill haveing this day Examined the sd will, & finding that there is a bond formerly made & given by the sd Joseph Aldridge which lieth against the sd Estate to secure the sd Towne of Providence from all Trouble & Charge as to the Maintenance of his said Mother Patience Aldridge; And the sd Patience Aldridge being left by the sd Joseph Aldridge in the care & Custody of his Brother Ephraim Aldridge, together with What Moveable Estate was his ffathers; & the land & Orchard to be in his sd Brother his lands for a certaine time to have the vse of the same; the Councill doe now by this act Order & declare, that for as much as the sd Ephraim Aldridge hath his sd Mother Patience Aldridge in his Care & Custody for the terme of her Naturall life, her to Keep & maintaine with all things Conveinent & needefull in all Conditions which shee may fall into; & to Keepe the sd Towne of Providence cleare from all Trouble & Charge as Concerning the Maintenance of his sd Mother at all times:

That the sd Ephraim Aldridge shall have for to be his owne Proper Estate, all & whole that Moveable Estate which formerly belonged to his ffather, which now are in his hands, both goods, & those Cattell which are & be;

And shall | have | the vse & Proffitts of all those lands and Orchard which formerly belonged unto his ffather untill his brother Joseph his son [**50**] son unto whome sd land is by bill given attaine to the age of Twenty & one yeares: And whereas the Executor in sd will Nominated is a child & wholy

vncapable to Execute the sd Will, & his Mother (widdow of the sd Joseph Aldridge) being also uncapable of Administration; Shee not being well Composed in her mind; The Councill doe Comitt the Administration of sd Estate unto Samuell Aldridge of sd Providence, Brother of sd Joseph Aldridge, on the same to Administer & with all Persons to make up accounts; to receive debts due to the deceased, & to pay his Debts according as the law Requires.

And to take the Wardshipp of the land, by will Devised & disposed the Proffits thereof as the law in such cases Requires: The which sd will of sd Joseph Aldridge (deceased) the Councill haveing Examined & doe approove; only Excepting the afores[d] Order as to the goods, & time of the sd land to Ephraim Aldridge; & the Wardshipp to sd Samuell Aldridge as it is Above Exprest;

Whereas Samuell Aldridge hath this day given in bond to the Councill for his faithfull performeing of Administration on the Estate of his deceased brother Joseph Aldridge, the Towne Councill do order & now appoynt Tho: Olney who is clerk of the Councill, on the Councills behalfe to signe & seale a letter of Administration unto the said Samuell Aldridge; the which was this day done & performed, accordingly, & in the presence of the Councill delivered to the sd Samuell Aldridge;

the meteing is desolved;

At a meeting of the Councill
November the 24[th]: 1705/

This day there was by Mercy winsor Widdow of the deceased Samuell Winsor of this Towne of Providence who

died the 19th day of Septembr 1705, & by Samuell winsor son of sd deceased Samuell Winsor a Written Paper presented to the Councill as the Will & Testament of the sd deceased Samu|l| Winsor, for Examination, the Councill haveing the same perused & Examined & find the same to be wholly Jllegall, as haveing no wittnesses thereunto nor no seale annexed thereunto, therefore doe the sd written paper disalow, & give no approbation thereon

The above sd Mercy Winsor Widdow & sd Samuell Winsor son of the sd deceased, have also brou|gh|t an Jnventary of sd deceased Samll: winsors his Moveable Estate, & Exhibitted it to ye Councill for Examination & Allowance; the sd widdow & sd Samll Winsor the son have before the Councill given Attestation to the sd Jnventarey upon oath that it is the whole of the sd deceased Samuell winsor his Moveable Estate so farr as they Know of, & if any more may or can be found it shall be added to sd Jnventary;

Mr Joseph Williams Jonathan Sprague & James Browne who tooke & made ye sd Jnventarey have given attestation thereunto; the sd Jnventary beareth date September ye 25th: 1705:

Mercy Winsor, Widdow of Samuell Winsor of this Towne of Providence who died the 19th day of September 1705; & Samuell Winsor his son have desired of ye Councill joyntly to take Administration on the Estate of the sd deceased Samuell Winsor; the same by the Councill is to them granted they giveing bond to ye Councill for ye legall performance thereof:

Voated & ordred by the Councill that Tho: Olney Clerk of the Councill doe on ye Councills behalfe give forth a letter of Administration to Mercy (Widdow of the deceased Samll: Winsor) & to Samuell Winsor his son, joyntly, to adminester on the Estate of ye deceased Samll: Winsor.

[51] Voated & ordred by the Councill that Tho: Olney Clerk of the Coun|cill| shall on the Councills behalfe take bond of Mercy Winsor, (widdow of the deceased Sam[ll]: winsor) & of Sam[ll] Winsor his son, joyntly for the legall Administring on y[e] Estate of y[e] deceased Samuell Winsor: /

The meeting is desolved. /

At a Councill Meeting May y[e] 20[th]: 1706:

This day Alice Dexter Widdow of the late deceased Major John Dexter hath to the Councill Exhibitted the last will & Testament of her said deceased husband desireing the Councills approbation thereof, the which will beareith date the 15[th]: day of Aprill 1706; The wch Will hath this day been Examined by the Councill this day and by them approved to be the last will & testament of the sd Major John Dexter. /

An Jnventarey of the sd John Dexter his Estate haveing also been this day brought in by the sd Alice Dexter widdow & Exhibitted to the Councill for their Allowance, the w|hch| sd Jnventarey the Councill have also Examined & Allowed;

Jt is ordred by the Conncill that Tho: Olney Towne | clerk | & Clerk of the Councill shall on the Councills behalfe take bond of Alice Dexter widdow & Executrix of the last Will & Teastam[t]: of y[e] deceased John Dexter, to Execute the sd Will;

And also y[e] sd Tho: Olney. On the Councills behalfe to signe seale & deliver unto y[e] sd Alice Dexter a letter of Administration | thereby | to Administer on the sd deceased John Dexter his Estate. /

The meeting is desolved. /

At a Councill meeteing August y^e^ 17^th^: 1706

Whereas it hath been proposed to the Councill that a high Roade may be stated through our Plantation Westward towards Plainfield; for the Effecting whereof the Towne Councell have Nominated and appoynted a jury of twelve men, namely,

Capt^n^: Tho: ffenner	Timothy Sheldon,
Capt^n^ Tho: Olney jun^r^:	James Mathuson
Leif^t^ Tho: Harris,	Nicolas Sheldo|n|
Arthur ffenner,	James Thornton,
Ed. Manton,	Ben: Wight,
W^m^ Randall,	Dan^ll^: Abott jun^r^: the Same

to stat\|e\| out with what convenient Speede may be, & doe order Cap^tn^: Tho ffenner justice to sumons in the sd jury, & then to Sware for the Propegating of the sd worke,

John Jnman hath this day Exhibited an Jnventarey of his deceased ffather Edward Jnman his Estate to y^e^ Councill, he saith that his ffather died intested;

Jt is ordered by the Councill that Barbara Jnman, Widdow of Edward Jnman, decea\|sd\| & also Edward Jnman Son of sd deceased Ed: Jnman, be both sumoned to appeare before the Councill on Munday the 26^th^ instant, to give attestation to sd Jnven\|tary\|

The Meeting is adjorned to | Munday | y^e^ 26^th^ Jnstant. /

The Meteing is againe in being Aug^st^ y^e^ 26^th^ 1706, by adjornem^t^: from y^e^ 17^th^ Jnstant;

Edward Jnman the son of the deceased Edward Jnman, this day appeared before the Councill & Made Oath unto the Jnventarey of the Moveable Estate of his sd deceased ffather

Edward Jnman; the which Was Exhibbeted to the Councill by John Jnman his Brother, on the 17th Jnstant at the Councill Meeting Jonathan Sprague & Samuell Wilkinson made oath to the sd Jnventarey as Apprisers: / Whereas [**52**]

Whereas Barbara Jnman late wife & now Widdow of the late deceased Edward Jnman; not appeareing before the Councill upon ye 17th Jnstant at their meeting, to make Oath unto the Jnventary of her deceased husband Edward Jnman his Estate, the Towne Councill did then upon ye 17th instant desire & appoynt Major Wm: Hopkins, Assist: & Mr Joseph Williams, Assist: to repare unto ye place of aboad of the sd Barbara Jnman & her to sumons to appeare before the Councill this day, & if, shee decline it, then to tender unto her, before them to make oath unto the sd Jnventarey, & this day to make Report unto ye Councill, The sd Major Hopkins & Mr Williams have this day declared u|n|to the Councill, that according to their order they did Repare unto the sd Barbara Jnman, & gave her Warning to appeare this day before the Councill, but shee Wholy declyned so to doe:

They then tendred her, before them to make oath to the sd Jnventary; but shee utterly Refused it; they then demanded of her whether shee would take administration on sd Estate, but shee altogether Rejected it;

The Councill then tendred the Administration of the Estate unto Edward Jnman (son of ye deceased Edward Jnman) but hee Refused to take it; the Councill then tendred the Administration unto John Jnman, but hee utterly declined & would not accept it;

Whereupon the Towne Councill have ordered & appoynted, & doe here by Order & appoynt Mr Jonathan Sprague who is

one of the Councill, on the Councills behalf to Administer on the said Estate of the sd Edward Jnman deceased; the same | to | inquire | after | & seeke for & in all places where any of the sd Estate shall be found the same | by all lawfull means to endeavour to Recover & | to take into his Care & Custody; & the said Estate to dispose of legally, in manner & forme according as the | Law | doth require in such Cases Estates to be disposed of;

And the Councill doth further Order & it is hereby ordered that Thomas Olney Clerk of y^e^ Councill shall on the Councills behalfe draw up, & signe & seale a letter of Administration to the said Jonathan Sprague as his Warrant to Act in y^e^ premises.

The meeting is desolved. /

At a Councill meeting October y^e^ 21: 1706. /

The Councill is adjorned unto ffriday y^e^ 8^th^ of November next. /

ffriday y^e^ 8^th^ of November 1706
the Councill is againe in being. /

Peter Barnes this day Exhibbited to y^e^ Councill for their approbation the last will & Testam^t^: of his Brother Tho: Barnes of sd Providence, who deceased y^e^ 24^th^ of September 1706 And also presented an Jnventarey of sd Tho: Barnes his Estate for the Councills allowance,

The aforesd will of the sd Tho: Barnes | dated | y^e^ 20^th^ day of September 1706: hath this day by the Councill been Examined and is by them aprooved;

The Jnventarey of the sd Tho: Barnes hath this day been by y^e^ Councill Examined & is by them Allowed;

Ordered that Tho: Olney Clark of y^e^ Councill shall on the Councills behalfe take bond of Peter Barnes for the Executing of his Brother Tho: Barnes his last will & testament, & also on the Councills behalfe, to signe & seale a letter of Administration on y^e^ Estate of his sd Brother the deceased Tho: Barnes. The meeting is desolved. /

[**53**] At a meeting of Councill June y^e^ 15^th^ 1707:

Whereas Joseph Tucker of this Towne of Providence deceased the 8^th^ day of Aprill 1707, & dieing intested, his Widdow Hannah Tucker hath this day Exhibeted an Jnventarey of his the sd Joseph Tucker his estate, unto the Councill for their Examination, they have Examined y^e^ said Enventarey, the sd Hannah Tucker haveing made Oath to sd Jnventary; so also hath John Wilkinson & Silvanus Scott, who tooke said inventarey;

The Councill Meeting is adjorned unto munday y^e^ 30^th^ instant:

Munday June y^e^ 30^th^ 1707 The Councill is againe in being. /

This day Samuell Aldridge gave up his account to the Councill of his Administration on y^e^ Estate of the deceased Joseph Aldridg his brother, & including foure Pounds for the rent of lands two yeares, & a little more time, Tenn shillings Rent for that; & there is upon ballance due unto the Estate of sd deceased Joseph Aldridge 2 shillings & 7 pence; Only there is a debt due from the sd Estate unto Thomas Olney not yet paid, the which is left for y^e^ sd Administrator yet to discharg; And the land to remaine in the said Administrators

hands & Custody untill the first day of May next, Ensueing. the fenceing all about sd land then by the sd Samuell aldridge to be left in good Repare; /

The meeting is adjorned unto Munday y^e^ 7^th^ of July next;

July y^e^ 7^th^: 1707 The meeting is againe in being on Munday. /

This day Hannah Tucker Widdow of y^e^ deceased Joseph Tucker appeared before y^e^ Councill, the Councill Tendred unto her Administration on y^e^ Estate of her deceased husband Joseph Tucker but shee possitively Refused to accept thereof;

Gideon Crufurd then appeared & desired to have Administeration on sd Estate of sd Joseph Tucker to be granted unto him & y^t^ he would thereon Administer,

Where upon the Councill have Granted the Administration of the sd deceased Joseph Tucker his Estate to y^e^ sd Gidion Cruffurd thereon to Administer on all accounts according as y^e^ law in such Cases Requires;

Whereas the aforesd Hannah Tucker widdow of y^e^ aforesd deceased Joseph Tucker had a former husband, by name Josiah Wilkinson, who died, by whome shee had one child, the which child hath been w^th^ her Mother the sd Hannah Tucker untill this day & accounts with the sd Hannah Tucker have been Made upp as Concerning her sd former husband his Estate & y^e^ sd Childs bringing up & what y^e^ sd Hannah Tucker was indebted unto y^e^ sd Josiah Wilkinson his Estate is allowed to her, & also that y^e^ sd Hannah Tucker to have all y^e^ vse & Proffitts of the aforesd Josiah Wilkinson his farme (which belongeth to his Heires) to be unto y^e^ sd Hannah Tuckers vse untill y^e^ 25^th^ day of March nex Ensueing. /

Jt is Ordered by y^e^ Councill that Tho: Olney Towne Clerke & Clerk of y^e^ Councill shall on y Councills behalfe Tak bond of Gidion Cruffurd for this True performance of legall Administration on y^e^ Estate of y^e^ sd deceased Joseph Tucker; & upon Recept of y^e^ sd Bond, the sd Tho: Olney Clerk as afors|d| on y^e^ Councills behalfe to signe seale & deliver unto y^e^ sd Cruffurd a letter of Administeration to Administer on sd Tuckers Estate, /

And whereas accounts have this day been made up with Hannah Tucker & w^t^ shee was indebted unto y^e^ Estate of Josiah Wilkinson deceased was allowed her for her [**54**] her bringing up of y^e^ child which shee had by y^e^ sd Josiah Wilkinson; the which sum due (as Neare as it could be Computed) was 12^lb^ & 15^s^; & also y^e^ childs part of y^e^ Rent of the farme, from y^e^ day that said Hannah Tucker & her husband Joseph Tucker | gave | up there accounts unto y^e^ Councill w^ch^ was March y^e^ 24^th^: 170½; & to have y^e^ vse of all y^e^ Profitts of sd farme untill y^e^ 25^th^ day of March Next Ensueing;

Jt is also ordered that what Estate of & belonging to y^e^ Estate y^e^ aforesd deceased Josiah Wilkinson is yet in y^e^ hands of John Wilkinson Administer for y^e^ Councill on sd Estate, shall yet remaine in y^e^ hands of y^e^ sd John Wilkinson for y^e^ vse of y^e^ Child of y^e^ sd Josiah Wilkinson. /

the meeting is desolved. /

At a meeting of y^e^ | Towne | Councill
November y^e^ 5^th^ 1707

This day ffreelove Crawffurd Widdow & late wife of Gideon Crawffurd late of Providence (now deceased) presented to y^e^ Councill, the last Will & Testament of her deceased husband

Gideon Crawffurd beareing date the seventh day of October 1707; desireing Probation thereof;

The said last Will & Testament of the sd Gideon Crawffurd hath this fifth day of November 1707 been Examined by y^e^ sd Towne Councill of Providence & is by them Proved:

ffreelove Crawffurd, Widdow & late Wife | & Executrix | unto Gideon Crawford (deceased) hath this day Exhibited to y^e^ Councill the Jnventarey of y^e^ sd Gideon Crawffurd his Estate Moveable so farr forth as shee knowes of any; saveing only his booke debts, the which are also so soone as Conveniently may be that y^e^ bookes cann be posted & y^e^ sd debts Collected out of them, by the sd ffreelove Crawffurd be brought & added to sd Jnventary; & also if any other thing of y^e^ sd Estate shall Come to knowledge which is not yet knowne that it also shall be Added to sd Enventarey; unto all which y^e^ sd ffreelove as Executrix hath made Oath;

William Hopkins Nath^ll^ Waterman Jun^r^: & Rich^d^: Browne hath Made & given Attestation to sd Jnventary;

ffreelove Crawffurd as Executrix & Capt^n^: Tho: ffenner & Richard waterman jun^r^: as Executors unto y^e^ last will & testament of y^e^ late deceased Gideon Crawford; the have in y^e^ presence of y^e^ Councill all accepted thereof,

This day y^e^ 5^th^ of November 1707 Rich^d^ Bowen Jo^n^: Whipple & James Olney as they were Wittnesses made oath to y^e^ last Will & Testam^t^ | of Gideon Crawffurd | beareing date y^e^ 7^th^ day of October 1707; before y^e^ Councill. /

Voated & Ordered by the Councill that Tho: Olney Clerk of Towne shall on y^e^ Councills behalfe take bond of y^e^ Executrix & Executors of Gideon Crawfford his last Will & Testam^t^: & on y^e^ Councills behalfe to signe & seale them a letter of Administration. /

Nathaniell waterman | Sen^{r} | & Capt^{n}: Tho: ffenner have promised the the Council to be bound along with y^{e} Executrix: of sd Crawffurds will. /

The Councill is adjorned unto Munday y^{e} 17th instant, at M^{r} Tirpins. /

November y^{e} 17th: 1707

The Councill is againe in being. /

The meeting is adjorned unto y^{e} 1st day of December next next

December y^{e} 1st 1707,

The Councill Meeting is againe in being. /

Arthur ffenner who was by Gideon Crawfurd (deceased) appoynted an Executor to his last Will & Testament, hath this day before y^{e} Councill declared his acceptation of y^{e} sd Executorshipp: Whereas [**55**]

Whereas Joseph Tucker of this Towne of Providence deceased on y^{e} 8th day of Aprill 1707, & dieing intested, the afaire of his Estate as to y^{e} Administration thereon fell to be to y^{e} Towne Councill to order Concerning it:

And Whereas Hannah Tucker Widdow of y^{e} decease Joseph Tucker did on y^{e} 15th day of June 1707, unto y^{e} Councill Exhibitt an Jnventary of y^{e} Estate of her sd deceased husband unto the which Jnventarey the sd Hannah Tucker; & also John Wilkinson & Silvanus Scott, who tooke y^{e} sd Jnventarey Made Oath before y^{e} Councill.

And the said Hannah Tucker (widdow) againe appeareing before y^{e} Councill at their meeting July y^{e} 7th 1707, unto whome y^{e} Councill tendered y^{e} Administration of y^{e} sd Estate, but shee vtterly Refused to accept thereof; Whereupon Gideon Cra|w|ffurd of Providence offered himselfe to take

administration of y^e^ same, unto whome the Councill did Comit y^e^ Administration of y^e^ sd Estate; but the said Gideon Cra|w|-ffurd in some short time after dying before he had made any entrance upon y^e^ sd Administration, by reason whereof the sd Estate hath heither to laine without being administred on;

And y^e^ Councill being informed that there are severall Creaditors unto whome y^e^ sd Estate is indebted unto, Who may Expect to have their debts Answered so farr forth as the Estate may be Capable to doe And whereas there is no other Person doth appeare who Will take the Administration thereof, the Councill doe now at this their Meeteing December y^e^ first 1707 nominate & appoynt M^r^ Jonathan Sprague who is one of y^e^ Councill & Eliezer Arnold justice of Peace, on y^e^ Councills behalfe to Administer on the said estate of y^e^ sd Joseph Tucker, deceased, & the same in to their Care & Custody to take & the same to order & dispose of according as the law in such cases doth Require; for the Effecting Whereof; the Councill doe | now | Comitt unto the said Jonathan Sprague & y^e^ sd Eliezer Arnold their full Power so farr forth as the law in such Cases doth impower y^e^ Councill to doe; & sd persons to return|e| an account to y^e^ Councill of their actings therein. /

And it is farther ordered by y^e^ Councill that M^r^ Joseph Williams Assistant & Capt^n^: Thomas ffenner Assistant shall forthwith Repare to the dwelling of y^e^ sd Hannah Tucker Where y^e^ sd Estate is or where it may be found, & to take notice of all y^e^ perticulars thereof as are in y^e^ Jnventarey of y^e^ Estate of y^e^ deceased Joseph Tucker & them to put into y^e^ Custody of y^e^ above sd Jonathan Sprague & Eliezer Arnold, Administrators,

And also to take notice if any things be wanting of what y^e^ Jnventarey Expresseth & what thing or things they be (if any be wanting) & to make inqirery after them: & to render an account of their proceeds unto ye Councill;

But whereas matters are so Circumstanced as with Respect to y^e^ Widdow & Children of sd Tucker; that they Cannot subsist unless some part of y^e^ goods of sd Estate be yet for some time left with y^e^ sd widdow for her vse & improvem^t^: The Councill doe therefore order that y^e^ sd M^r^ Williams and Capt^n^: ffenner doe leave with y^e^ said Widdow the bedding & other household vtensills &c: so many or so much as they in their vnderstanding | may | judge Convenient untill the above said Administrators by y^e^ advice of y^e^ Councill shall Require them out of her hands & custody; But while those goods doe remaine with her for her to take Care y^t^ they Come not by damage, & to Resigne them all up when required as aforesd;

And, also that y^e^ said M^r^ williams & Capt^n^: ffenner doe take notice of all y^e^ ꝑticulars y^t^ they leave with her.

Ordered that tho: Olney, Clerk doe set up a proclaimation in Writeing | in some publick place | to give notice to all Creaditors to y^e^ Estate of Joseph Tucker (deceased) to bring in an account of what is to them due from sd Estate, & leave it with M^r^ Jonathan Sprague or with Eliezer Arnold Justice of y^e^ Peace | or | Either of them, & to doe it betweene this day & the 8^th^ day of Aprill which shall be in y^e^ yeare 1708. /

The meeting is desolved. /

[**56**] At a meeting of y^e^ Councill
Aprill y^e^ 23^d^, 1708.

Where as thomas | Relph | of Mashantatuck in Providence some time since deceased, died intested, & haveing at y^e^ time of his death only two Children borne unto him being both daughters, namely Alice Relph & Elenor Relph; Although after his decease he had a son borne, who died a young Child, where by What lands he died possessed of fell by inheritance unto his sd two daughters, as Coheirs, joint in the inheritance, & where|as| one of y^e^ sd daughters is now married unto a husband, & calleth for a devision of sd land, & y^e^ youngest daughter not being of lawfull Age, & there not haveing been any Guardian appoynted, & stated by their ffather, & the sd youngest daughter Proposeing to y^e^ Councill & Requesting of them to appoynt a Guardian to take y^e^ Care & Custodye of sd lands the same to looke unto as to y^e^ devision thereof & to act & doe on all accounts as concerning sd lands to both y^e^ sd daughters advantages as a Guardian legally ought in such Cases to doe;

And whereas y^e^ sd Elenor hath nominated Roger Burllinggame jun'r to be sd Guardian; him y^e^ Councill doe accept, & appoynt as Guardian to act in y^e^ premises as aforesd;

The meeting is desolved;

At a Meeting of y^e^ Councill
Aprill y^e^ 30^th^ 1708. /

Whereas John wilkinson of this Towne of Providence departed this life on y^e^ 10^th^ day of this instant Aprill 1708,

And dyeing intested his Widdow Deborah wilkinson caused an Jnventary to be taken of her deceased husband his Estate;

The which said Jnventary the sd Deborah wilkinson hath this day presented unto the Councill for Examination; the

which Jnventary beareth date y^e^ 26^th^ day of Aprill 1708 & was Apprised by Eliezer Arnold, John Angell, Samuell wilkinson & Joseph Jenckes jun^r^:

Deborah wilkinson Widdow of y^e^ afore sd deceased John wilkinson gave her Attestation upon Oath that y^e^ abovesd Jnventary Containes all y^e^ Estate Moveable of Goods & Cattell which belonged to her aforesd deceased husband John wilkinson that shee knoweth of, & if at any time more doe Come to her Knowledge it shall be brought fort & Added to sd Jnventary;

The abovesd Eliezer Arnold, John Angell Sam^ll^ wilkinson & Joseph Jenckes Jun^r^: have also made Oath to y^e^ abovesd Jnventary as to what was brought to their vew;

The Administration on y^e^ sd Estate hath by y^e^ Councill been tendred to the said widdow & shee hath thereof accepted:

Cap^tn^ Sam^ll^ wilkinson & John Angell have both of them tendred themselves to give bond with y^e^ sd widdow for her legall Administration on y^e^ sd Estate;

Jt is Ordered by y^e^ Councill that Tho: Olney y^e^ Clerk of y^e^ Councill shall on y^e^ Councills behalfe take bond of y^e^ sd Widdow for her legall Administration on sd Estate; And on y^e^ Councill their behalfe to signe & seale unto said Widdow a letter of Administration,

the meeteing is desolved, /

At a meeting of y^e^ Councill
June y^e^ 25^th^ 1708. /

Whereas there was formerly a deede of Gift | of lands | by Lawrance wilkinson (deceased) made to his son Josiah wilkinson, his sd son also being since deceased, but leaveing on|e|

child surviveing, but y^e^ sd deede not being upon any Record, & y^e^ Towne Councill, haveing y^e^ care of y^e^ afaires of sd wilkins Estate, doe therefore order & appoynt M^r^ Jonath: Sprague & justice Eiezer Arnold to seeke after sd deede & in whose Custody the find it of them the same to demand & Receive & to deliver it to the Councill for their disposeing y^e^ Custody thereof.

The meeting is desolved

At a meeting of y^e^ Councill
November y^e^ 26^th^ 1708,

This day Mary Owen & Mercy Estance the daughters of y^e^ deceased Thomas Estance of this Towne of Providence, & Josiah Owen jun^r^; who is husband to the aforesd Mary; Exhibited an Jnventary to the Councill of the Estate of the said deceased Thomas Estance; And did all declare to [**57**] to the Councill that they did imploy James Dexter & Joseph Browne to take an Jnventary of y^e^ said Estate, the which is the Jnventary which is Exhibitted. /

James Dexter & Joseph Browne made Oath before y^e^ Councill to the aforesd Jnventary as to what was brought to their vew, or what they know of,

The aforesaid Mary Owen, Josiah Owen jun^r^: & Mercy Estance And also Henry Estance Brother to y^e^ sd deceased thomas | Estance, before the Councill made oath that what is Contained in y^e^ aforesaid Jnventary is all & whole the Moveable Estate of y^e^ said deceased Thomas Estance as any of them know of, & if | any | More doe Come afterwards to knowledge it shall be Added to sd Jnventary.

The meeting is adjorned unto Tuesday y^e^ 7^th^ December next. /

The meeting is againe in being

December y^e^ 7^th^ 1708, Tuesday,

Whereas it was uncertaine to y^e^ Councill whether or no that Thomas Estance & Prescila Hardin were married together whereby the Councill was at some stand how to act Concerning y^e^ sd Estance his Estate; but now M^r^ Joseph Jenckes haveing given Testemony that when he was a Majestrate he joyned them together in Marriage; whereby that Matter is out of doubt

And whereas there was a query whether Mary Estance (now Mary Owen was borne before her ffather & Mother was Married together or since, that matter is now made cleare that shee was borne some weekes after her ffather & mothers marriage as appears by M^ris^ Esther Jenckes her Testemony:

Josiah Owen & Mary his wife, shee being the daughter of y^e^ deased Thomas Estance; & also Mercy Estance daughter of sd Thomas Estance have all of them joyntly desired of the Councill that they would admitt of James Dexter & Stephen Hardin on their the sd Persons behalfe to Administer on y^e^ Estate of their sd ffather the sd deceased Thomas Estance; that is to say, to take y^e^ sd Estate into their Care & Custody, & by their Administration the same to dispose both by paying what debts from y^e^ sd Thomas Estance was due & by Comitting unto & investing of all & Every y^e^ aforsd persons to whome the sd Estate belongs with what their legall parts & proportions of y^e^ sd Estates is;

The sd James Dexter & Stephen Hardin have accordingly accepted & Promised to give bond to y^e^ Councill for y^e^ legall performance thereof in their Administration in all poynts as y^e^ law requires.

Ordered that Tho: Olney Clerke of y^e^ Councill shall on the Councills behalfe take bond of y^e^ sd James Dexter & Stephen Hardin, & on y^e^ Recept thereof, on y^e^ Councills behalfe to signe & seale them a letter of Administration. /

Timothy Carpenter hath Exhibitted to y^e^ Councill an Jnventary of his deceased son William Carpenter his Estate but for as much as y^e^ persons who tooke y^e^ sd Jnventary are not presant the proceeds of y^e^ matter are left to y^e^ next sitting of y^e^ Councill;

Whereas it | was | formerly Ordered | by the Councill | that a High | Road | way should be stated through our Plantation westward towards Plainefield, & for y^e^ Effecting thereof the Councill did Nominate & appoynt twelve men for a jury; but the sd worke not being yet done, the Councill doe yet order y^e^ sd twelve men to goe on upon y^e^ sd worke & performe it; & that when y^e^ season of the yeare is suteable | & weather convenient | then for Capt^n^ Tho: ffenner Astant to Summons the sd 12 men & Engage them to y^e^ sd worke; giveing them timely warning; & if that any of y^e^ sd. 12 men doe not appeare upon sd warning then the sd Capt^n^ ffenner to summons in other persons or person to supply the [**58**] the Place or places of y^e^ person or Persons so defective, & to goe on untill y^e^ worke be Effected

The meeting is adjorned unto Munday y^e^ 13^th^ instant in the Morning, before y^e^ Purchasers meeting begins,

Munday December y^e^ 13^th^ 1708:

The meeting of y^e^ Councill is againe in being,

Timothy Carpenter hath this day Made oath to y^e^ Jnventary of his deceased son william his Estate that in sd Jnventary

is Contained all his sd son his Estate that he knoweth of & if More at any time Comes to his knowledge it shall be added.

Vnto y^e^ aforesd Jnventary there was three apprisers (viz) Ephraim Carpenter Elisha Arnold & Charles Haines but unto the first Page only Benjamin Carpenter & Charles Haines were acting, & only Ben: Carpenter sworne (Charles Haines not being at y^e^ Councill, he being gone out of y^e^ Towne) & to y^e^ Second Page Ben: Carpenter & Elisha Arnold now active, both sworne. /

Jt is ordered by y^e^ Councill y^t^ Tho: Olney Clerk to y^e^ Councill shall on y^e^ Councill their behalfe take Bond of Timothy Carpenter Concerning y^e^ Administring on his sd deceased son his Estate the Councill haveing Comitted y^e^ Administration of sd Estate to him the sd Timothy Carpenter;

And also y^e^ sd Tho: Olney Clerke on y^e^ Councills behalfe to Grant a letter of Administration

The meeting is desolved. /

At a Councill Meeting

December y^e^ 20^th^: 1708: Munday.

Whereas at a meeting of y^e^ Councill November y^e^ 26^th^: 1708, there was by Mary Owen (wife of Josiah Owen jun^r^ of this Towne of Providence) & daughter of the late deceased Thomas Estance; also Mercy Estance daughter of ye sd Thomas Estance and also by y^e^ sd Josiah Owen jun^r^: all joyntly together an Jnventary of y^e^ Estate of y^e^ sd deceased Thomas Estance Exhibitted to y^e^ Councill, they all then haveing made oath to y^e^ sd Enventary;

And also upon Engagemen Henry Estance Brother to y^e^

sd deceased Thomas Estance (who was Concerned w^th^ some of sd Estate) haveing declared Concerning sd Jnventary, whereupon the Councill did proceede to y^e^ settling of sd Estate (the sd Thomas Estance dying Jntested) Bondsmen being Tendred & accepted as to Administration at y^e^ meeting of y^e^ Councill December y^e^ 7^th^: 1708, by adjornement;

But before matters were fully Effected as to y^e^ aforesd proceeds, as bond not being taken, nor Any letter of Administration given, the aforesd persons to whome y^e^ sd Estate did belong; as namely the sd Josiah Owen jun^r^ & mary his wife, & Mercy Estance the other daughter of y^e^ sd Thomas Estance haveing sued unto y^e^ Councill & desired of them that they y^e^ sd Councill themselves would Order & dispose the sd Estate by way of Administration according to their Wisdoms as the law should them direct;

Vpon their Request, the Councill Considering that one part of y^e^ aforesd Estate doth Consist in hay & in a stock of Cattell the which Requires Emediat Care thereof to be taken; the Councill doe therefore order Major Joseph Jenckes & James Browne (who are two of y^e^ Councill) to make an Equall devision [**59**] devision of all the hay which belongeth to y^e^ Estate of y^e^ sd deceased Thomas Estance, & also to make an Equall devision of all the Cattell which doe belong to the Estate of sd Thomas Estance, and to deliver the one halfe of y^e^ sd hay, & the one halfe of the said Cattell unto the sd Josiah Owen jun^r^; & Mary his sd wife, & the other halfe of y^e^ sd hay, & the sd Cattell to Reserve for the aforsd Mercy Estance, the other daughter of y^e^ sd Thomas Estate (shee not yet being of lawfull age to Receive her portion; that is to say of y^e^ age of Twenty & one yearer, nor will not be; so neare as the Councill

Can find oout by the best search as they can make, untill y^e^ fourth day of Aprill next Ensueing,

And for as much as there is an necessetye of makeing a presant devision of y^e^ sd Estate, the sd two Children of y^e^ sd Thomas Estance (viz) Mary & Mercy being in want the Councill have ordered as aforesaid; And that y^e^ said Major Jenckes & James Browne shall also Equally devide all y^e^ Rest of the moveable Estate | to say goods | belonging to the said deceased Thomas Estance (Excepting the Money) & deliver the one halfe of y^e^ sd moveable goods unto y^e^ said Josiah Owen & Mary his Wife, & the other halfe thereof to Reserve for Mercy the other daughter of y^e^ sd Thomas Estance;

And so also to devide all y^e^ Corne & What graine belongs to sd Estate & dispose it in Each part, in manner as aforesd;

And the Councill doe hereby desire, & order & appoynt Henry Estance (who is Brother to y^e^ sd Thomas Estance) to take into his Care & Custody all that part of the hay & Cattell the which upon devision shall belong unto | sd | Mercy Estance, & to Expend the sd hay upon sd Cattell this Winter tending y^e^ said | Cattell | as well as Conveniently he may;

The said Henry Estance hath accepted thereof & Promised that he will doe the best he can Concerning the same;

And it is ordered that y^e^ sd Henry Estance shall take into his Care & Custody all the sd Mercy her part of sd moveable goods & Corne, the same to secure untill by the Councills order it be called for;

And whereas what Money was found of y^e^ Estate of y^e^ sd Thomas Estance it being yet in y^e^ hand of y^e^ sd Henry Estance the Councill doe order that it shall yet there remaine untill the Councill doe see Cause otherwayes to order it, by

Reason that it is not yet knowne what debts will be called for out of y^e^ Estate, & also that y^e^ sd Mercy is not yet of age to receive her portion; but for as much as the sd Mary, & the sd Mercy are both in presant want of some money the Councill doe hereby Order that y^e^ sd Major Jenckes & James Browne | shall take out | thirteene poundes of sd money & deliver unto the sd Josiah Owen jun^r^ & sd Mary his wife, & also six Poundes of sd money & deliver unto said Mercy Estance;

And whereas | sd | Josiah Owen jun^r^: hath signified that he shall discharged some of the debts which are due from sd Estate, the Councill doe hereby order that y^e^ sd Owen shall forthwith take receipts of those persons unto whome hee hath paid those debts, & of all others unto whome he shall yet pay such debts, & deliver y^e^ sd Receits to Major Jenckes or to James Browne. /

The meeting is desolved. /

Vpon y^e^ 22^nd^ day of December 1708 Tho: Olney Clerk of y^e^ Councill set up a written paper upon a publike place in this Towne to make open Proclamation to all Creaditors to y^e^ Estate of y^e^ late deceased Thomas Estance speedely to bring in their accounts to Major Jenckes or | to | James Browne,

At a Meeting of y^e^ Councill
July 29^th^ 1709. /

This day Anne Tirpin Widdow of y^e^ late deceased William Tirpin of this Towne of Providence, hath to y^e^ Councill Exhibitted an Jnventary of her said deceased husband william Tirpin his Estate; & hath thereunto made oath that in it is Contained all his moveable Estate as shee Knoweth of & if

that at any time here after any more doe Come to her knowled it shall be [**60**] be brought & added to y^e^ sd Jnventary,

This day William Hopkins, Joseph Williams & Jonathan Sprague as apprisers have made Oath before the Councill to the Jnventary of y^e^ late deceased William Tirpin of sd Providence; only booke debts have not yet been Examined;

The meeting is adjorned unto y^e^ 8^th^ day of August Next. /

August y^e^ 8^th^ 1709

The Councill is againe in being;

Whereas William Tirpin of this Towne of Providence died intested leaveing an estate & the Administation of his Estate haveing by y^e^ Councill been tendred to y^e^ Widdow of y^e^ sd Will^m^: Tirpin & shee haveing Refused the same where upon the Councill is Put upon it | take the Care of the disposition of y^e^ said Estate as y^e^ law Requires & in order thereunto | the Councill hath Nominetated & appoynted Jonathan Sprague (who is one of y^e^ Councill) on the Councill behalfe to | order & dispose as Concerning sd Estate & the same | to doe & performe according as the law in such Cases Requires, according to y^e^ Nature and Curcmstance as y^e^ sd Estate lies under; And | for the further | impowering him therein to act & performe; the Councill to Grant signe & seale him a letter of Administration; to act in y^e^ premises accordingly;

The meeting is adjorned unto Munday | the 15^th^ instant | one houre before sunsett, then | the Councill | to signe & seale a letter of Administration as aforesd. /

The meetieng which is afore adjorned fell of it selfe, by Reason that a Competent number of y^e^ Councill did not appeare. /

At a Meeting of y^e^ Councill
August y^e^ 26^th^: 1709:

By Reason that some Persons of y^e^ Councill appeared not there Could not any thing be acted; only those who appeared agreed that the Councill should meete on friday y^e^ 9^th^ of September next

ffriday y^e^ 9^th^ September 1709
The Councill is againe in being: /

This day Mary Blackmar widdow of y^e^ late deceased James Blackmar hath Exhibitted her said deceased husband the | Enventary of his Estate | to y^e^ Councill desirein the Councill their Examination & Approbation thereof

Mary Blackmar hath before the Councill Made o|a|th to y^e^ Aforesd Jnventary, And so also hath Major william Hopkins & M^r^ Joseph Williams & Edward Hawkins who made & tooke y^e^ sd Jnventarey,

The Councill have Examined the sd Jnventary

It is Ordered by y^e^ Councill that Thomas Olney Clerk doe on the Councill their behalfe take bond of the aforesd Mary Blackmar widdow of y^e^ aforesaid deceasd James Blackmar & of John Blackmar her son, unto which said two persons (at there Request) the Councill have | Granted & | Comitted y^e^ Administration of y^e^ sd Estate of sd James Blackmar deceased; As also together with the sd Mary Blackmar & John Blackmar to tak|e| Bond of two other Persons, (viz) Edward Hawkings sen^r^, & any other Person Whome the sd Tho: Olney shall Admitt of & upon y^e^ recept of y^e^ sd Bond so premised; then for y^e^ sd Tho: Olney Clerk, on the Councill their behalfe to signe seale & deliver unto y^e^ sd Mary Blackmar & John Blackmar a letter of Administration to Administer on sd Estate the aforesd James Blackmar, dying intested. /

Wheareas william Tirpin of this Towne of Providence dying intested whereby the Administration on his Estate fell much to be the Care of y^e^ Councill; & Whereas y^e^ law Requires that Proclemation should be made that all Creaditors should within one yeares time after y^e^ death of y^e^ debtor Come in & make demand [**61**] demand of what they Claime to be unto them due & to make up their accounts with their debtors;

Jn order thereunto the Councill doe order and appoynt Tho: Olney Clerk on y^e^ behalfe of y^e^ Councill to set up in Publike Places severall written Papers to give Nottice to all Persons unto whome the Estate of y^e^ sd deceased William Tirpin is indebted to Repare unto y^e^ house in sd Providence where the sd william Tirpin in his life time did inhabitt & there with Anne Tirpin Widdow of y^e^ sd Will^m^ Tirpin | together | With one of the Councill whome y^e^ Councill hath appoynted for that purpose, to make up the accounts betweene the Estate of sd deceased william Tirpin & those who are Creaditors that so it may appeare what sd Estate is indebted, & to whome, that so Each person unto whome sd Estate is indebted may be discharged according as sd Estate will legally admitt And | the a|forsd Creaditors Each one to appeare as aforesd before the 18^th^ day of August next Ensueing; the person whome the Councill hath desired & appoynted as aforesd, together w^th^ sd Anne Tirpin Widdow to Audit sd Accounts | & to make up the reconings | is Tho: Olney of sd Providence, Clerk, who is one of y^e^ Councill. /

And it is also by y^e^ Councill further ordered that all Persons who have any matter of accounts or dealings with or Concerning y^e^ Estate of sd will^m^ Tirpin doe speedely appeare at

sd house of sd Tirpin & there make up their Reconings with y^e^ sd Anne Tirpin (widdow) & sd Tho: Olney; whereby it may be knowne how the Case stands with y^e^ Estate that Administration may be done accordingly. /

The Meeting is desolved

At a meeteing of y^e^ Councill
November y^e^ 21, 1709.

The Councill is adjorned unto Saterday the 26^th^ Jnstant. /

Saterday y^e^ 26^th^ of November
1709
The Councill is againe in being; /

By Reason that Samuell Aldrich who is Administerator to y^e^ Estate of the deceased Joseph Aldrich, appeared not; thereforere the Councill do adjorne unto friday y^e^ 2^nd^ of December next. /

ffryday y^e^ 2^nd^ of December 1709
the Councill is againe in being.

Jt is detirmined that y^e^ Councill shall Meete againe on Munday y^e^ 12^th^ Jnstant,

Munday y^e^ 12^th^ of December 1709
The Councill is againe met & in being

This day Samuell Aldrich who is Administrator to his deceased brother Joseph Aldrich his Estate hath to y^e^ Councill given an acount of his Administration since y^e^ 30^th^ of June 1707, the which account is as followeth,

The account of what hath been paid & Received by M^r^ Sam^ll^ Aldrich upon y^e^ account of my Administration upon

my brother Joseph Aldrich his Estate since I made up my accounts with y^e^ Councill of Providence:

Paid to Joseph williams	01–00–00
Paid to Peter Place	01–00–06
Paid to Samuell ffiske on Thomas Joslins account for the bringing up of Elias Aldrich	02–00–00
One day Called to y^e^ Councill	00–02–06
Received one yeares Rent which Came to	02–00–00

The meeteing is Adjorned unto Munday y^e^ 26^th^ instant. /

Munday December the 26^th^ 1709.

Accrding to Adjornement, three persons of the Councill Met at y^e^ place of y^e^ Councills meeteing (viz) James Browne, Rich^d^ Browne & Tho: Olney & no more appeared, & they not being y^e^ Major part of y^e^ Councill, the meeteing Could not be settled, but fell. /

At a Councill meeteing Called by Warrant
January y^e^ 6^th^ 1709/10.

The meeteing is adjorned unto Munday y^e^ 23^rd^ instant. /

After y^e^ aforesd adjornement; there was a Councill meeteing may the 19^th^ 1710; but | w^t^ | was then acted is entred into the Councill booke; it was matter concerning Captn Arnold his Estate. / **[62]**

1710: At a meeteing of the Towne Councill July y^e^ 10^th^,

Jt is ordered that the meeteing shall be adjorned unto the 19^th^ Jnstant and then for all those who desire to take licences to appeare before the Councill & declare their mindes, and in

the meane time all who now do sell strong drink to keepe good orders concerning it. /

The meeting is adjorned to the 19th instant July. /

July ye 19th 1710

The Councill is againe in being by adjornment

Lidea Hearntons Jnventarey is by ye Councill Examined. /

The Matter as to Granting forth of licences, the Councill haveing taken into Consideration, as unto Certaine persons as to Keepeing of Publick Houses of entertainement, for Entertaineing of strangers, & Retaleing of Strong drinke;

And also for Restraining of Others from Retaleing of strong drinke; to say from selling any sort of strong drinke by Retale; that is under a Gallon at any time, upon the Penalty of the forfiture of forty shillings Each time that they Transsgresse: Excepting of those who have a license;

Jn order whereunto the Councill have Ordered licences to be Granted unto severall Persons in our Towne & Towneshipp for one yeare; as Mris Anne Tirpin shee paying 2lb: bond 20lb: Nehemiah Sheldon paying ilb: 9s: — bond 15lb: Eliezer Arnold ilb paying: Captn. Tho: ffenner paying 14s: Daniell Abbott paying 14s: bond 10lb: Benjamin Wight paying 18s — bond 10lb: Henry Adams for Traineing dayes to have liberty to sell strong drinke paying 5s: all to Continue for one yeare.

At the Councill Meeting which was by adjornemt: held ye 19th of July 1710 did adjorne to the to ye last Munday in sd month, being the 31 day; but there did not on said day appeare so many as to make a number to act, whereby ye meeting fell. /

August the 7th: 1710:
At a Councill meeting called by Warrant.

Granted unto John whipple liberty to keepe a publike house of Entertainment for Entertaineing of People & Retaleing of drinke; but by licence. /

Whereas upon the 10th of July last, it was granted unto Eliezer Arnold to have a licence to keepe a publick house of Entertainemt:

Jt was also granted to him (if hee saw Cause) to appoynt another person as he approved of, also to take a licence for the same imploy

The meeting is adjorne unto Munday ye 14th instant. /

Munday, August the 14th 1710:
The meeting is againe in being.

Ordered, that Major Jenckes Asstant, & Tho: Olney Clerk, shall on the Councills behalfe take bond, & signe a licence to John sayles to keepe a Publick house of Entertainemt:

He the said John Sailes being approved of by Eliezer Arnold: /

This day Eliezer Arnold hath taken a licence to keepe a house of publick Entertainement. /

The meeting is adjorned unto friday the first of September next

ffriday the first of September 1710,

none of the Councill appeared saveing only Major Jencks & Tho: Olney Senr: yet notwithstanding, on that day Anne Tirpin tooke a licence for Ordinary Keepeing & gave bond; but they were dated August ye 14th: 1710; so also did Nehemiah Sheldon with the same date; for then they were granted,

& the licences & bonds then written. / Eliezer [63] Eliezer Arnold tooke his licence on Munday y^e^ 14^th^ of August of 1710

To Pay for licences for y^e^ yeare;

Anne Tirpin forty shillings;
Nehemiah Sheldon twenty & nine shillings.
Justice Arnold Twenty shillings;
Capt^n^: ffenner fourteene shillings;
Daniell Abbott fourteene shillings,
Ben: Wight Eighteene shillings,
Henry Adams five shillings for Trayneing dayes. /

The meeteing of it selfe is fallen. /

At a meeteing of y^e^ Towne Councill
November the 10^th^: 1710.

Alice Browne (Widdow) this day presented an Jnventary of her decea|sed| husband Daniell Browne his Estate;

The Councills proceeds thereon are entred in to the Councill booke,

The meeting is adjorned unto y^e^ 11^th^: of Decem|ber| next

Munday y^e^ 11^th^: of December 1710:
The meeting is againe in being. /

Jt is Granted unto Joseph Whipple that he may Retale strong drinke for y^e^ terme of this yeare:

Ordered that he shall have a licence paying twenty shillings, the which shall be abated out Anne Tirpins forty shillings;

And that Tho: Olney shall draw a bond & a licence; & that Major Jencks Assistant; & Tho: Olney Clerk shall on y^e^ Councells behalfe signe the licence, & receive the bond. /

The meeting is adjorned to Munday y^e^ first of January Next. /

Munday the first of January $17\frac{10}{11}$

The meeting is againe in being. /

Whereas Gideon Crawford | late | of the Towne of Providence (deceased) did by his last Will & Testament, Give & devise unto his son John Crawford certaine lands, & he the sd John Crawford being yet in his Minority and thereby not in a Capacity to order & act Concerning sd lands as the state of Matters might Require, thought it Convenient to have a Gardian to take the care of his affaires, and as a Gardian to act & do for the preservation of what to him belongeth: his desire also being, that his Brother William Crawford might be the person for his Gardian:

Jn order Whereunto the said John Crawford Addrest himselfe to his ffathers Executrix and Executors, the which they alowed & accepted, that william Crawford (his brother) should be his Gardian, & sent some lines in writeing under their hands to the Towne Councill of Providence signifieing to them of their alowance thereof;

Whereupon the Councill by voate Confirmed the same;

What is above Written is all Entered into y^e^ Councill booke.

There Was also a Councill meeting January y^e^ 8^th^ $17\frac{10}{11}$ & what was there done as to young Jo^n^: Dexters Gardianshipp, & what Else is all Entered into y^e^ Councill booke;

There was also three Councill meetings as one of the 6^th^ of Januarey $17\frac{09}{10}$: another of Januarey the 23^d^ $17\frac{09}{10}$: another upon January y^e^ 30^th^ $17\frac{09}{10}$: And then there was a fourth meeting of y^e^ Councill on ffebruary y^e^ 13^th^: $17\frac{09}{10}$: & that was adjorned to the 20^th^ of ffebruarey 1709/10:

All those meeteings were about Daniell Abbotts Will, as to the setling of his Estate: but by Reason of the obstructions as the Councill met withall from the Abbotts, Nothing Could be Efected Concerning it, so as to Enter it on Record; but only a note of the perticulars of matters in the management of the afaire, taken & Kept in a Scroule. /

At a Councill meeting
May the 31: 1711:

This day John Balkcom presented to the Councill the deceased Alexander Balkcom his Will, & y^e^ Jnventary of his Estate; the both were by the Councill Examined;

The Will approved; an y^e^ Jnventarey was | Alowed|,

The Witnesses to y^e^ will; & apprisers of the Jnventarey sworne [**64**]

Noah Whipple desires of the Councell to state him a Gardian to looke over him, & to order & dispose Concerning his Estate, and therein to act according as the law Requires a Gardian in all perticulars to do:

Thomas Whipple is the person proposed for Gardian;

Jt is by the Councill Granted that Thomas Whipple shall be Gardian: /

John Balkcom Engages in a bond of Sixty Pounds to | Keepe the | Towne indemnified as to any Charge by or from ffreegift Balkcom. /

Jt is Ordered by the Councill that Tho: Olney Clerk, do on the Councells behalfe take a bond of John Balkcom for the true Executeing of his ffathers Will: & on y^e^ Councills behalfe signe seale & deliver to him a letter of Administration;

And also to take a bond of him Concerning ffreegift Balkcom. /

Ordered that Major Jenckes, M[r] Sprague & Tho: Olney do Examine all the accounts concerning the Estate of the deceased William Tirpin, and find out how it stands on all accounts, both as to debt & Creadit that so it may be knowne how matters stand concerning the same, and in some Convenient time to Effect it. /

The meeting is desolved. /

At a meeting of the Councill
November the 12[th]: 1711. /

Anne Tirpin hath this day paid her licence money for the yeare 1710 begining August y[e] 14 1710 & Ending August y[e] 14[th] 1711. /

Benjamin Wights licence money is abated to 14 shillings.

Nehemiah Sheldons licence mon ney is abated to 20 shillings. Paid.

Capt[n] ffenners licence money 14 shillings, Paid.

Daniell Abbots licence money, 14 Shillings, Paid;

Ordered by the Councill, that Benjamin Wight shall pay in his 14 shillings for licence money (which is afore Exprest) unto Tho: Olney Clerk, and sd Thomas Olney to take six pence out of it, which to him is due, and the Rest, to Returne to the Councill. /

Ordred by the Councill, that M[r] Sprague shall take M[r] Eliezer Arnold his licence money, which is 20 shillings for y[e] yeare 1710: & Ending August y[e] 14: 1711, & sd Money to be to sd Sprague for his own use, the Councill haveing already given him a bill to receive the same. /

Ordered by the Councill that Tho: Olney, clerk, do, on the Councills behalfe; give a bill to James Browne, to receive of

Mr Joseph Whipple the sum of 20 shillings, the which is due from said Whipple for licence money for the yeare 1710, begining August the 14th: & Ending August ye 14th. 1711. and the same the said Browne to have for his own vse. /

The meeteing is desolved. /

At a meeting of the Towne Councill
July ye 26th 1711 Called by Warrant

This day ye Councill have Examined the Estate of the deceased william Tirpin (as to Moveables) both as to debt & Creadit, and do find the ballance of ye account (as to ye Estate) to amount unto 306lb.- — 13s – 01d.

Ordered that Tho: Olney, (Clerk) do on ye Councill their behalfe, take bond of William Tirpin Son of ye deceased Willm Tirpin and of Anne Tirpin, & Perces Tirpin, daughters of ye deceased william Tirpin; As to the Cleareing of ye Councill, as to any after debts. /

The meeting is desolved. /

At a Councill Meeting
August ye 9th 1711. /

Whereas William Tirpin of this Towne of Providence departed this life July ye 18th 1709. and dyeing intestate whereby the settling of his Estate fell to be Care of the Towne Councill, where [**65**] Whereupon, soone after the death of ye said William Tirpin, the Coun[cill] caused an Jnventarey of his Estate to be taken; and also made open Proclaimation by writeings set up in severall Townes, and other wayes, for all Creaditors to Come in and make appeare what was due from the sd Estate to them;

And all Creaditors who have come in & made debt appear to be due to them from sd Estate, have out of said Estate been paid:

And there haveing Now been two yeares past since the death of sd Will[m] Tirpin: And the Heir being of full age, & Entred into the house & lands; and Calling for his part of y[e] Moveables of sd Estate, and the Widdow calling for her part; and the two daughters, Anne Tirpin & Perces Tirpin Calling for their parts: the which Each one of them have now Receved;

And William Tirpin, Son & Heir of the sd deceased William Tirpin haveing given in bond to the Councill for their securetye, that for what debts may yet appeare to be due from said Estate to any person that he will Refund back out of his owne Estate to cleare them: Saveing only if M[r] Signack of Boston, & M[ris] Alice Dexter of Providence (widdow) or Either of them should make any debt appeare due from sd Estate; then for his two sisters Anne Tirpin & Perces Tirpin to beare Each of them out of their owne Estates proportionable to their Estates to helpe pay those debts or debt (if any such should appeare; they both haveing given bond to the councill so to do. /

The Councill at their meeteing July y[e] 26[th] 1711 haveing Examined all accounts concerning sd deceased William Tirpin his Estate both as to debt & Creadit (as could be found & did appeare) and as neere as they could find by their Examination; the ballance of y[e] account (on sd Estates part) amount to 306[lb] — 13[s] — 01[d]:

The widdow, her part of it being 102[lb] – 04[s] – 04[d]:

The Childrens parts, Each of them 68[lb] – 02[s] – 11[d]

the which they have all Received, and bond given to the Councill for securitye. /

Whereas James Olney hath this day preferred a bill to the Councill desireing of them to Grant to him liberty to Keepe a publike house of Entertainement where he now dwelleth, both for strangers, Travellers & others:

The Councill haveing Considered the mater have Granted him liberty to Keepe a publike house of Entertainme|nt| for to Entertaine all people who have ocation for it, to supply them with victualls, drinke & lodgeing, & what Else may be Convenient & suteable for them; and to Retale strong drinke;

Provided always that he keepeth at all times good Orders as the law Require; and to Keepe it from this day forward unto y^e^ 14^th^ instant, and from thence forward the time of one whole yeare:

The like also is Granted unto William Tirpin to keepe a house of Entertainement, at his house where he dwelleth; and they Each of them to take a licence, & Each of them to give bond to the Councill:

And the Councill hath also Ordered that the said James Olney & y^e^ sd William Tirpin shall allow & pay unto the Councill for their licences the sum of six poundes & tenn shillings for this yeare; that is Each of them 3^lb^ & 5^s^: the one halfe of Each one his part to be paid downe at y^e^ Signeing of the licences, & the other halfe in the first Weeke in May 1712.

And that all others within the Towneshipp who take licences for this yeare shall pay the money [**66**] money which is to be paid for their licences unto James Olney and to William Tirpin and they to have it. /

And as for those who desire to take licences within our Towneshipp, for them to propose themselves to y^e^ Councill, to order what Each one shall pay for his licence; and those who

do take licences to give bond to the Councill to Keepe good orders; & those who take licences & give bonds to pay y^e^ Clerk for writeing them:

And it is ordered that Joseph Jenckes Assistant & Tho: Olney Clerk, do on the Councells behalfe signe the licences & Receive the bonds;

And as for that part of Providence Called the Towne; the Councill hath Considered and do judge that that two publike houses of Entertainement may be sufficient; and as for what Else may be licenced to be Elsewhere in the Towneshipp. /

The meeteing is desolved. /

At a meeteing of y^e^ Towne Councill
October the 19^th^ 1711

This day the Will, & Jnventarey of y^e^ deceased Morris Tucker hath by his Widdow Grace Tucker been Exhibeted to the Councell for Examination, the which were both by y^e^ Councill Examined & allowed. /

At a Councill meeteing which was held
Aprill the 16^th^ 1711:

Whereas there hath been this day an Jnventarey by Richard Waterman, the son of y^e^ deceased Resolved Waterman Exhibitted to the Councill of y^e^ Estate of one Roger Bawler (a stranger) deceased; but there also hath been a bond by the said Richard Waterman presented, wherein is signified that all the sd Roger Bawler his Estate was mortgaged to said Richard Waterman, & is Reported was mortgaged before sd Bawlers debts were Contracted; whereupon the Councill Aprehend that y^e^ matter Concerns not y^e^ councill according as it

is Circumstanced, but to leave it in y^e^ order it lieth and y^e^ Creaditors to Repare to y^e^ law for Reliefe. /

What is here next above Exprest Concerning y^e^ Jnventary & bond Exhibeted by Richard Waterman, was at a Councill meeting held Aprill y^e^ 20^th^. 1711: by adjornement from Aprill y^e^ 16^th^: 1711:

At which sd two meeteings there Was severall wills & Jnventarys which were brought in of Persons who died, some died without wills, & some left wills; the w^ch^ wills & also the Jnventareys, were all by the Councell Examined Proved & allowed, & are all Entered upon Record in y^e^ Councell booke (viz) Thomas Harris^s^: John Potter^s^ of Mashantatuck; Elisha Arnold^s^: Benjamin Carpenter^s^: Thomas Thornton^s^: Henry Estance^s^:

There was also at severall other meetings before, severall will & Jnventa|ryes| brought in & Examined, & Allowed, as James Angell^s^: Stephen Hawkins^s^: Sam^ll^: Whipple^s^: & others, which are all Entred in the Councill booke: /

At a meeting of y^e^ Councill
march y^e^ 25^th^ 1712:

This day y^e^ last will & testamint of y^e^ decease William Whipple was by his son Will^m^: Whipple his Executor, together with the Jnventar of his Estate presented to y^e^ councill the which were both by y^e^ Examined, & Allowed; & are Entered in y^e^ councill booke. /

At a Councill Meeting held by adjornem^t^
Aprill y^e^ 22^nd^. 1712. /

The last will, & the Jnventarey of y^e^ deceased Nath^ll^: Watermans Estate was by his son Rich^d^: waterman presented to the

Councill, & were both Examined & Allowed, & are Entered in y^e^ Councill booke. /

[**67**] At a Councill meeteing
Aprill y^e^ 22^nd^ 1712: held by adjornement from march y^e^ 25^th^: 1712./

This day Richard Waterman presented the Councill with the Jnventares of his deceased ffather nathaniell Waterman his Estate, & also with his sd ffathers will: the which were both by y^e^ Councill | Examined, | aproved, & Allowed;

And are Entered, (with y^e^ proceeds thereon in the Councill booke. /

At a Councill meeting
May y^e^ 2^nd^ 1712. /

This day Will^m^: Randall presented to the Councill an Jnventarey of his deceased ffather will^m^ Randall his Estate (his sd ffather dying intested); the which sd Jnventarey was by y^e^ Councill Examined and Allowed; and it & y^e^ Councills proceeds thereon, Entered in y^e^ Councill booke. /

At a Councill meeteing
June the 17^th^. 1712:

This day the Councill was by severall persons presented with several wills and Jnventareys of severall persons that dyed, some dyed intested, some left wills; the which were all (both wills & Jnventareys) by the Councill Examined, aproved & alowed; and are all (with the Councills proceeds thereon, Entered in the Councill booke;

The deceased persons which the said wills & the Jnventareys of theire | estates | did belong unto; are as followeth:

(viz) George Potter[s] of Mashantatuck: Thomas Coopper: ffreelove Cruffords: Daniel Williams:

The meeteing is desolved. /

At a meeteing of y[e] Towne Councell
August the 14[th]: 1712. /

Ordered that the meeteing be adjorned unto Tuesday the 26[th] instant & that all those who have licences, to improove them orderly untill the Councell is againe in being

Tuesday August y[e] 26[th] 1712:
The Councell Meeteing is againe in being:

This day Mary Jnman presented the last Will & Testament of her deceased husband John Jnman & also the Jnventary of his Estate to the Councill for Examinatio|n|

They, both Will & Jnvetary haveing both, haveing been both by the Councill Examined & approved; the said Mary Jnman & | also | the witnessess made oath | thereunto |

William Tirpin was Abated out of what he was to pay to the Councell of his last payment for his licence for y[e] yeare 1711: 5 shillings whereof he was then to pay 01[lb] – 07[s] – 11[d] – the which he hath this day Paid to the Councell, so that now all the whole sum for his licence for that yeare is wholy paid & Cleared. /

The meeting is adjorned unto friday the 29[th] Jnstant.

ffriday August the 29[th] 1712
The meeting is againe in being

Ordered that Jamas Olney, William Tirpin, William Harris, Major Smith and Daniell Abbott shall have licences to Keepe

publike houses of Entertainement for this yeare, Each of them paying for y^e^ same 44 shillings;

And as for what other Persons (besides those aforementioned) within our Towneshipp shall take licences to Keepe publike houses as aforesaid, their licence money shall be paid to to the afore mentioned five Persons; the which shall be y^e^ sum of three Pounds — to be Proportioned on Each of them by the Councill; the which other Persons beside the aforementioned five, shall Keepe those Publike houses in three Roades within our Towneshipp of Providence (viz) Plainefield Roade, the North Roade & Mashatatuck Roade;

And Also to be one in Pautuxet Roade. /

The meeting is adjorned to the last Munday in September Next. /

September y^e^ 29^th^ 1712

The last Munday in y^e^ Month the Meeteing is againe in being

Ordered that Joseph Jenckes Assistant & Tho: Olney Clerk shall signe the licences which are Granted for Keepeing of the houses of Entertainement for this yeare in this Towne of Providence. /

James Olney, William Tirpin & William Harris hath this day paid one halfe of their licence money for this yeare 1712 begining August y^e^ 14^th^ 1712 & the other halfe they are to pay at the Expiation of the yeare: all three of them havein given bond. — and received their licences —

The Meeteing is desolved —

[**68**] At a meeteing of the Towne Councell December y^e^ 9^th^ 1712; /

This day John Malavery presented to the Councill the last

will & Jnventary of the Estate of his deceased father John Malavery who dyed the first day of November 1712: for to be by them Examined; /

This day Hannah Woolley, Widdow of the deceased Benoni Woolley presented to the Councell the Jnventary of her sd deceased husband his Estate, for the Councell procede therewith according as the law doth Require; her said husband dying intested; the which said Jnventary was by the Councill Examined;

The said Widdow made oath to the Jnventary that that it contained all & whole her | sd deceased | husband his Estate so farr as shee had any Knowledge of, the apprisers also being swornd;

The Councell then tendred the Administration of the said Estate unto y^e^ sd Widdow but shee positively Refused to take it;

James Bick then upon her Refusall tendred himselfe to take the Administration of sd Estate;

The which the Councill to him Granted, provided he would give in sufficient bond for the performance of legall Administration thereon, the which he Egaged to do,

Richard Phillipps of Providence promised then unto the Councill that he would be bound along with sd Bick for sd Bick his true performance of sd Administration;

Whereupon the Councill Comitted the said Estate unto the Custody of the said James Bick (whose dwelling was on the Easterne side of Pautucket River) the said Estate to secure untill that he had given in bond & had Received a letter of Administration fully to impower him to act upon sd Estate as to y^e^ Administration & disposeing thereof in order as the law Requires:

Ordered by the Councell that Tho: Olney; Clerk; shall Receive the bond from sd Bick on the Councels behalfe, and on the Councell their their behalfe signe seale & deliver sd Bick a letter of Administration. /

This day Elizabeth Hawkings Widdow of the deceased william Hawkings jun^{r} hath presented to the Councell an Jnventary of her sd deceased husband his Estate for the Councell to proceede therewith in order as the law doth Require; the which sd Jnventary was by y^{e} Councill Examined & Allowed;

Administration on sd Estate was by the Councell tendred unto the sd widdow the which shee accepted promising to give in bond for the legall performance thereon, whereupon Administration was was to her Granted.

Ordered by the Councell; that Tho: Olney, Clerk, do on the Councell their behalfe take bond of the sd widdow & signe seale & deliver to her a letter of Administration. /

The proceedes as to the will & Jnventary of John Malavery is suspended untill the Councill do againe mete

The meeting is adjorned unto friday y^{e} 12th instant

ffriday December the 12 1712

The meeteing is againe in being:

This day the last Will & Testament of John Malavery was by the Councell Examined & proved;

The Jnventary of his Estat also being Examined & Allowed; /

The meeting is desolved.

At a meeteing of the Councell

May the 4th: 1713:

The meeteing is adjorned unto Munday 18th instant

Munday May the 13th: 1713:
The Councill meeting is againe in being. /

This day Sarah Arnold widdow of the deceased Elezer Arnold junr. presented to the Councell an Jnventary of the Estate of her said decease husband,

The councell procede therewith in order as the lawes do direct; her sd husband dying intested: the sd Jnventary was by the councill Examined, & by them Allowed, the said widow haveing made oath thereunto; so also hath Edward Smith & Thomas Arnold junr; the Apprisers,

Administration on the said Estate is Granted unto the said widdow Sarah Arnold, Orderdred [**69**]

Ordered that Tho: Olney Clerk shall on the Councells behalfe take bond of Sarah Arnold Widdow of the deceased Eliezer Arnold as to the Administration on her said deceased husband his Estate; And also on the Councell their behalfe to signe seale & deliver to her a letter of Administration

The Meeteing is adjorned unto Munday ye 25th instant. /

Munday the 25th of May 1713:
The meeting is againe in being. /

This day James Bick appeared before the Councill and was by them fully impowered to Administer on the Estate of the deceased Benoni Woolley, hee haveing given in bond for the true & legall performance thereof. /

The meeteing is desolved. /

At a meteing of the Towne Councell
September ye 7th 1713:

This day in the presence of the Councell; Deborah Wilkinson widdow of the deceased John Wilkinson delivered unto

Hannah Wilkinson (the daughter of the deceased Josiah wilkinson, & his Heires) the sum of Poundes which was upon the account of the Estate of the sd deceased Josiah Wilkinson; the said John Wilkinson being by y^e^ Councell mad overseer of the said Estate,

The meeteing is adjorned unto Tuesday y^e^ 15^th^ Instant:

Tuesday y^e^ 15^th^ of September 1713,
The meeteing is againe in being.

Whereas the Consideration of finishing of matters Concerning the Estate of the deceased Josiah wilkinson hath this day been with the Councill, but for as much as Major Will^m^ Hopkins hath by the Towne Councell formerly been imployed in Examining into & makeing up of | the | accounts as to said Estate, & the said major Hopkins not now being at this Meeteing, the Cou|n|c|e|ll do detirmin that the matter be suspended untill the next meeteing of the Councell that Major Hopkins may be presant.

Whereas the Widdow of the deceased Joseph Aldrich by Reason of insanity of mind is uncapeable to maintaine her selfe but is fallen unto the Care of overseers of the Poore, & they haveing some time since comitted her to the Care & Custody of John King dwelling at Mashantatuck who now demandes some moneys towards paying for her maintenance;

And whereas Samuell Aldrich, Hath taken Administration on the Estate of his sd deceased Brother, the Councill have hereby Ordered that the sd Samuell Aldrich do deliver unto the overseers of y^e^ Poore of this Towne the sum of foure pounds out of the Estate of y^e^ deceased Joseph Aldrich for them to pay unto y^e^ said John King

Whereas it hath been proposed this day as Concerning the lisencing of the Taverne keppers Anew; the time of their old licences being Expired, the matter is Refferred untill the councell meete againe. /

The meeteing is adjorned unto wednesday 23^{d} Jnstant.

Wednesday the 23^{d} of September

Y^{e} meeteing of y^{e} Councell is againe in being 1713.

The matter Concerning Concerning granting licences to Taverne Keepers is suspended untill the next meeting of y^{e} Councill; so is also the the matter Concerning Josiah wilkinson^{s} Estate;

The meeteing is Adjorned unto fryday y^{e} 2nd of October Next

ffriday y^{e} 2nd of October 1713

The Councell meeting is againe in being. /

| James | Olney & William Tirpin have both agreed with the Councill to take licences to Keepe publike houses of Entertainement in this Towne of Providence where the now dwell for this present yeare, & y^{e} yeare to begin on the 14th day of y^{e} last August, past

And Each one of them to pay for his licence, 45 shillings.

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Major, William Smith hath agreed with the Councell to take a licence to keepe a | publike | house of Entertainement in this Towne of Providence (where he now dwells) for this present yeare, & the yeare to begin on the 14th day of August last past | in 1713: | & to End on the 14th of August next, & for his sd licence to pay the sum of 30 Shillings,

This day an Jnventary of the Estate of y^{e} deceased Solomon

Thornton was presented to the Councell taken by Resolved Waterman & Nicholas Sheldon, but it being imperfect, the Councell advised them to take a new Jnventarey of sd Estate; the meeting is adjorned unto fryday y^e^ 9^th^ instant: /

ffryday y^e^ 9^th^ of October 1713
The Meeteing is againe in being. /

This day Resolved waterman & Nicholas Sheldon presented the Towne Councell with an Jnventary of the Estate of the deceased Solomon Thornton, the sd Jnventarey was by y^e^ Councill Examined & alowed, but the further Proceeds concerning the said Estate is Referred unto y^e^ next meeting of y^e^ Councill:

This day James Olney, William Tirpin & William Smith have taken licences for to keepe bublike houses of Entertainement | for this yeare | untill y^e^ 14^th^ day of August Anno: 1714

The meeteing is adjorned unto y^e^ 16^th^ Jnstant, at James Olneys house. /

ffryday, October the 16 1713. The meeting of y^e^ Councill is againe in being. /

Administration on the Estate of the deceased Solomon thornton is by the Towne Councill Granted unto Thomas Harris & Mercy burden, — Joyntly, to take the Estate into their Custody wholy and thereon to Administer & dispose in order according as the law doth direct and Requires;

And also the Wardshipp of the Children of y^e^ said Solomon Thornton is by the Councill Comitted unto them the sd Thomas Harris & Mercy Burdin, & to be Gardian to the Heire, & his Jnheritance to order and dispose Concerning it according as the lawes in such cases doth direct.

Jt is by the Councill ordered that Tho: Olney Clerk, do on the Councell their behalfe take bond of the said tho: Harris & mercy Burdin for their true & legall Administration on sd Estate & Wardshipp, & on the Councells behalfe to signe & seale them a letter of Administration. /

This day Dan^{ll}: Abbott hath Taken a licence to keepe a Publike house of Entertainement for one yeare begining on y^{e} 14th day of August 1713:

This day Josiah Owen hath had the Grant of a licence to keepe a Publike house of Entertainement for this yeare begining on the 14th day of Augst 1713 & so one yeare thence forward, he for the same to pay 20: Shillings:

So also Sam^{ll}: Church hath the Grant of a licence for one yeare afores^{d} paying 10^{s}. /

The Meeting is Adjorned unto Munday y^{e} 9th of November Next

Munday y^{e} 9th of november 1713
The meeting is againe in being. /

Jt is Granted unto John Sayles, that he may keepe a house of Publike Entertainem^{t}, when he now dwells in Providence Towneship for this yeare, begining on the 14th day of August 1713 & to End on the 14th day of August in the yeare 1714: he to give bond & have a [**71**] a licence for to keepe to keepe such a house. & paying licence money. /

Jt is Granted unto William Harris, that may keepe a house Publike Entertainement in Providence at the house where he now dwells hee giveing in Bond & takeing of a licence, & paying licence money

The meeteing is desolved. /

At a meeteing of the Towne Councill
December the 28th: 1713. /

Jt is Granted unto Othaniell Gorton of Mashantatuck in Providence that he may keepe a Publike house of Entertainement where his now dwelling is in sd Mashantatuck, for the space of one whole yeare, begining upon the 14th day of August 1713 & to End on the 14th day of August in the yeare 1714; And for his licence to Pay Twelve shillings

And to give bond for to keepe good Orders. /

Whereas there was this day a writeing brought & presented to the Counci|ll| by Edward Smith of this Towne of Providence, desireing of them to Examin & Prove the sam as the last will & Testament of one George Walker a stranger which died in sd Providence, november the Twenty & sixth day Anno: 1713; the which said writeing the Councill have Examined and so farr as they can find, unto them it doth appeare to be the last will and Testament of the said man:

As also together with the said Will the said Edward Smith presented to the Councill a writen paper being (as hee said) an Jnventary of what Estate the said walker had in this Towne of Providence, the which was in the said Edward Smith his Custody; the which, said Jnventary was by the Councill also Examined;

The witnesses were all sworne who witnessed to the said will; and the said Edward Smith who presented the said will to the Councill Also together with the said witnesses made Oath that the sd George Walker did signe seale and declare the said will to be his last Will & Testament;

Samuell wilkinson & Thomas Arnold who tooke & made the said Jnventarey also gave attestation to the same, so also did the sd Edward Smith.

The said Edward Smith together with Joseph | Mawrey | of Conanacut | are | made sole Executors to ye said will;

The sd will beares date the Twenty-forth day of november in the yeare of our Lord 1713:

The Jnventarey was taken December the Eleventh 1713. /

It is Ordered that Tho: Olney Clerk of the Councill shall on the Councill their behalfe take bond of Edward Smith Executor with Joseph Morey of Conanacut to the last will & teastament of the above sd George Walker; for the true & legall Executeing & Administering on that part of sd walkers Estate as is mentioned in y^e^ abovesaid Jnventarey.

And on the Councill their behalfe to signe & seale him a letter of Administration for that part of sd Estate. /

The meeting is desolved. /

At a meeteing of the Towne Councell
January y^e^ 23^rd^; 1713.

This day Margery Burdin, Widdow of the deceased Joseph Burdin presented to the Counsell an Jnventary of her said deceased | husband | Joseph Burdin his Estate, for the councell the same to Examine;

The said Enventary haveing been openly Read in the Councill in the heareing of the said Widdow Margery Burdin & shee upon her Oath did declare before & in the presence of the Councell that what was contained in sd Jnventary was all & whole the Moveable Estate of her said deceased husband Joseph Burdin that shee knoweth of, & if at any time any more do come to her knowledge, it shall then be brought forth & added to the said Jnventary;

William Olney & Jonathan Whipple junior who made the sd Jnventary did also upon oath declare that to the best of their understanding they had made a true apprisall of said Estate, as to what was brought to their vew;

The sd Jnventary was by the Councell Allowed The [**72**]

The said Widdow Margery Burdin having desired of the Councill to Grant unto her the Administration on her said deceased husband Joseph Burdin his Estate; it is by the Councell unto her Granted, provided that shee do give unto the councell sufficient bond for her legall Administration on sd Estate, the two bondsmen to be bound with herselfe for the true performance thereof are Jonathan Whipple Sen^{r}: & Mercy Burden; of them the Councell do accept;

Jt is ordered by the councell that Tho: Olney, Clerke, do on the Councell their behalfe take bond of the sd widdow Margery Burdon, and on the Councell their behalfe to signe seale & deliver unto her a letter of Administration for the Administering on her sd deceased husband his Estate.

Whereas Samuell Jrons of this Towne of Providence hath desired of the Councell to Grant unto him a licence to kepe a house of Publike Entertainement for strangers & others at the plase of his now dwelling in sd Providence by the Roade neere Wanasquatucket River, & also neere the Meaddow called Bennetts Manddow;

Jt is unto | him | Granted hee paying Ten Shillings for said licence hee also giveing bond to keepe legall orders in his house, & the time of his licence to End on the 14th day of Augst Anno: 1714

The meeting is desolved. /

At a meeting of the Councill
Aprill the 19th 1714

Ordered that the sarjant give notice to will^{m} Harris, Will^{m} Tirpin, James Olney, and Major Smith & Dan^{ll} Abbott to appeare before the Councill & Render them an account of

what money they Received of those persons who kept Entertainement for strangers upon the severall Roads by an order made August y^e^ 26^th^ 1712 by adjornment from August the 14^th^: 1712; and to appeare at the Councill meeteing to be held on | fryday | the 30^th^ day of Aprill 1714:

The meeting is adjorned unto friday the 30^th^ inst|ant|

ffriday Aprill the 30^th^ 1714:

The meeting is againe in being;

This day Joseph ffield presented to the Councill the will & Testament of his deceased mother Sarah Gurney, for their Examination thereof, and also the Jnventary of her Estate; the which were both of them by the Councill Examined & Allowed

The witnesses to the will sworne; & also the apprisers of the Enventary & Joseph ffield presented it all made Oath thereunto.

Jt is ordered by the Councill that Thomas Olney Clarke, shall on the Councill their behalfe take bond of Joseph ffield for the legall Executing of his sd mother her said will, as he is Executor, and to take his owne bond for the same; and on the Councill their behalfe to make and signe the sd Joseph ffield a letter of Administration;

This day there appeared only James Olney & Major Smith of the above sd five persons who were to give an account of what money they Received of the Ordinary Keepers who dwell on the severall Roades; something was said about it, but little account given concerning it, So the matter at present ceased. /

The meeteing is desolved. /

At a meeting of the Towne Councell
June the 25th: 1714./

This day John Burton presented the Councell with the will & testament of his deceased father william Burton, for their Examination & Probation, and also with the Jnventary of his Estate for their Examination;

The said John Burton, & Jsabel Burton widow of the said william Burton both before the councell, upon their solemne Engagement declared before the Councell that the will which was presented was said william Burtons last will, so farr as they Know;

Peter Greene who was one of the witnesses to said will upon his Solem Engagement before the Councell declared that he was a wittness to said will & that hee wrot his name with his one han as a witness, & that hee saw sd willm Burton signe & seale it & heard him owne it to be his will; And also said Pet Greene did declare that at the same time he saw Samll: Wickham and James Carder signe as witnesses to said Will with him: (Who are both dead)

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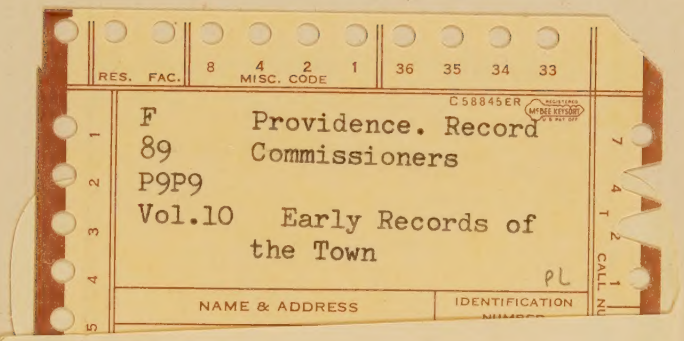

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